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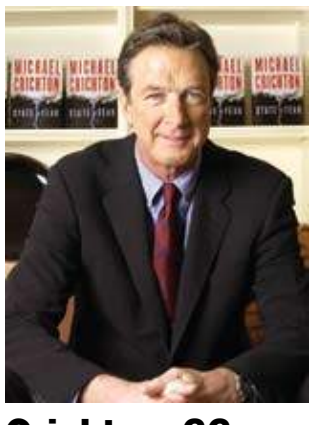

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Michael Crichton, the million-selling author of "Jurassic Park," has died of cancer. He was 66.

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A Mariana fruit bat

Poachers massacre fruit bats on Rota

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The CNMI's Division of Fish and Wildlife raised alarm yesterday over the declining number of Mariana fruit bats on Rota due to illegal hunting.

DFW biologists estimated that about 10 to 14 percent of the total fruit bat population on Rota were killed in a span of just six months, during three

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CNMI delegate's invite to House briefing uncertain

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The Committee on House Administration is mulling whether to invite Gregorio "Kilili" C. Sablan to the briefing for new representatives in Washington, D.C. even before he is certified as CNMI's delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Recent tally by the Commonwealth Election Commission showed Sablan was ahead by 360 votes over CNMI Resident Representative Pete A. Tenorio. However, the commission cannot yet

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Korean firm eyes $300M casino on Tinian

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A Korean company has announced its plan to build a $300-million casino resort on Tinian, the firm's first major venture in the tourism business.

Yesterday, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial signed a provisional lease agreement with Neo Goldwings Paradise for approximately 300 hectares of public land on the northern part of Tinian.

Public Lands Secretary John DelRosario said the lease proposal will be submit-

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial signs a provisional lease for Neo Goldwings Paradise, which proposes to build a multimillion dollar casino resort on Tinian.

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'Judge's tirade defies Canons'

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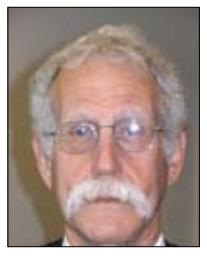
A Superior Court judge has said that associate Judge Kenneth Govendo violated the principles of Judicial Canons when he called a Filipino defendant "muchacho" and stated he wishes he could "get rid of locals" involved in domestic violence but that he can't because they're American citizens.


Govendo

In a written order issued Wednesday, associate Judge Ramona V. Manglona said that Govendo's statements were in violation of the "principles of decorum and temperance that the Judicial Canons seek to promote."

"The judge's tirade does appear to defy the mandates of Judicial Canon 3B(9), which states in part, that 'A judge shall not, while a proceeding is pending or impending in any court, make any public comment that might reasonably be expected to affect its outcome or impair its fairness… [or] that might substantially interfere with a fair trial or hearing,'" Manglona said.

Filipinos generally find the word *muchacho* degrading as it means slaves or houseboys. According to Urban Dictionary, *muchacho* is Spanish term meaning slaves. Merriam Webster defines *muchacho* as Spanish for a male servant and a young man.

Manglona discussed Govendo's statements in her order denying Roger S. Castillo's motion to vacate his criminal conviction in a domestic violence case.

According to Castillo, over eight months before his criminal trial, he had already been tried in the Family Court before Govendo for the same acts that got

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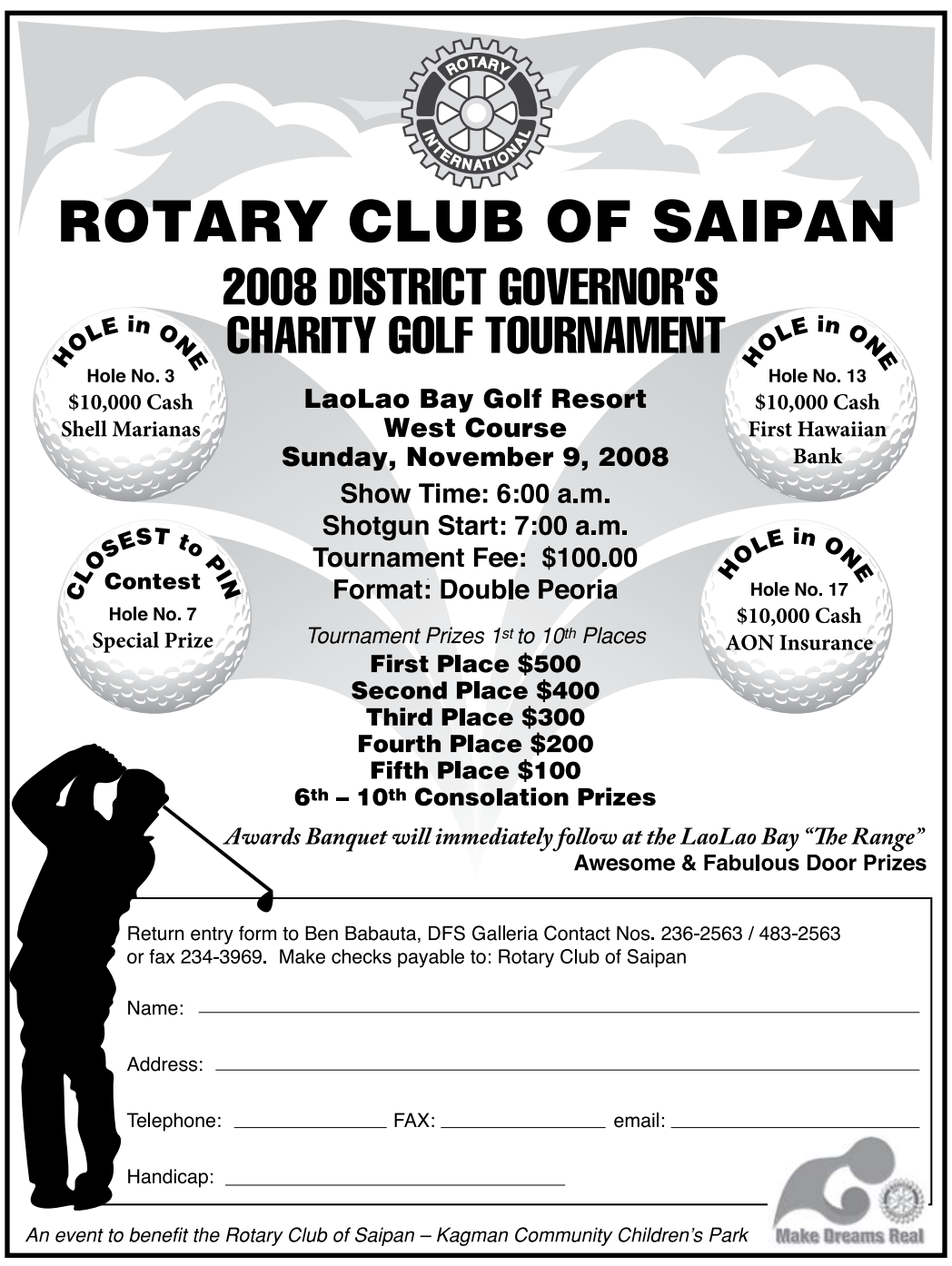

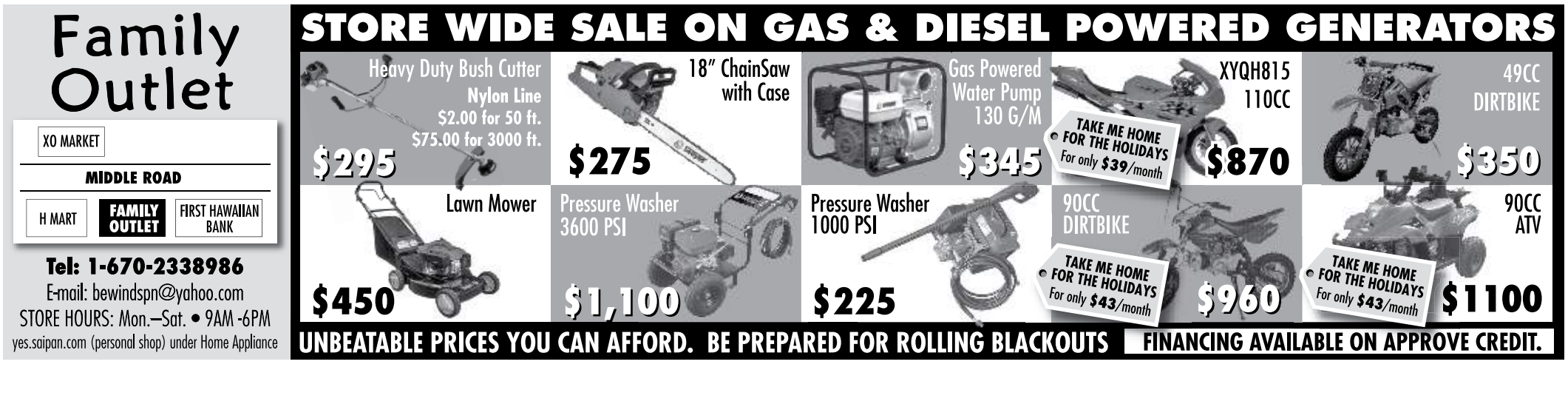

Shell cuts prices—again—this time by 30 cents

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REPORTER

Shell Marianas Inc. has once again lowered its fuel prices, this time by 30 cents.

In a statement issued yesterday, Shell president Eloy Lizama said the reduction was possible because the market costs for the fuel products has continued to decline.

"Shell's average market cost of…fuel products has continued to decline and Shell will pass these savings onto our customers," he said.

The new prices, which cover Shell Unleaded, Shell V Power gasoline and Shell Diesel fuel, will be posted at Shell stations at midnight.

There was no immediate word if Mobil Oil Marianas will also lower its prices but the two companies have traditionally mirrored each other's price movements. Mobil does not usually issue media statements about price adjustments.

Light sweet crude oil was trading for $64.35 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange yesterday.

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him convicted in the criminal case. Castillo also argued that his criminal case was improperly initiated by a sitting judge. He said an independent trier of fact would have to be appointed so he would receive a fair trial.

Castillo based this on the statements made by Govendo at the conclusion of the hearing in family court.

In that hearing, Govendo had said he was going to notify the Attorney General's Office because he wants criminal charges filed against Castillo.

"It is time to say goodbye to Mr. Castillo. It is time that he went back to the Philippines, OK. He's a problem, he doesn't follow court orders, he's a bully and it's time that he went 'bye, bye, adios," Govendo said at the hearing.

Govendo said CNMI doesn't need people like Castillo. "And since we're still in charge of immigration it's time to say 'problem! Adios problem! Back to the P.I. where you can be a problem there, OK. We have enough problem children here from the P.I. and it's time we get rid of them," he said.

Govendo had said he was going to recommend that Castillo be prosecuted. "I am going to personally take this on myself, Mr. Castillo. I want to see you leave the Northern Mariana Islands. And when you leave, I will be at the airport to go 'adios muchacho! Don't come back! Alright!"

He then stated that after the hearing he will call the AGO and that he is going to make it his personal journey to make sure that Castillo leave the CNMI. "I want you out of here Roger… It is now time to start cleaning house in the CNMI. We don't need perpetrators of domestic violence here," he said.

Govendo also added, "I wish I could get rid of the locals but I can't. They're American citizens. But the ones who are not, there's no reason why we should have to put up with them."

In her order issued issued Wednesday, Manglona said that Govendo's comments were "at a minimum intemperate and improvident, and his vitriol casts an appearance of impropriety upon the entire Superior Court and brings the judiciary into disrepute."

However, Manglona said, Castillo failed to provide any evidence that the criminal proceedings were in fact tainted by Govendo's statements or actions.

Island Medical moves clinic to Chalan Kanoa

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Island Medical Center recently moved its clinic to Chalan Kanoa.

The clinic was previously located in Susupe. A sign on the building directs customers to the new location in Chalan Kanoa, across Mount Carmel Church.

An employee at the new clinic yesterday said he could not comment on the move until next week because there were things he still had to sort out. He said IMC president Tony Glad could also not comment.

The Chalan Kanoa location is operating and accepting clients.

In March, the Department of Public Health closed down Island Medical due to alleged non-compliance with rules and regulations.

IMC resumed operations at its Susupe location in August.

Last week, DPH secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez said he would make sure patients and laboratories that were owed money for services will be repaid.

"I will personally make sure that it's done," he added.

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Labor sanctions Rota Mayor Inos

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The Department of Labor has sanctioned Rota Mayor Joseph S. Inos for failing to maintain adequate time and payroll records for his former farmer.

Labor Administrative Hearing Officer Jerry Cody ordered Inos to pay a $1,000 fine to the CNMI Treasury.

Cody also found Inos liable to pay the worker, Abu Taher, $2,800 in unpaid wages for the period from August 1999 through May 2000.

Cody also directed the mayor to pay Taher $2,800 in liquidated damages and $66.40 as reimbursement for his medical expenses.

The hearing officer awarded Taher attorney's fees and costs.

Taher, though attorney Joe Hill, filed his labor complaint in August 2000 , according to Labor records. The Labor Division investigated the case and issued a determination in September 2001.

During the next years, the parties' counsel informed the hearing officer that they were negotiating a possible settlement.

As of mid-2007, counsel reported they were still engaged in settlement discussions. In November 2007, the counsel informed the hearing officer that they wanted to proceed with the hearing.

The hearing was held in January 2008.

Taher alleged that he worked for Inos on Rota from March 1988 through May 2000. He stopped working at the end of the permit period in May 2000 and then moved to Saipan.

In August 2000, Taher filed the labor complaint, alleging unpaid wages, breach of contract, unpaid medical expenses, failure to provide a copy of the employment contract, and repatriation costs.

The complainant alleged that he worked as a farmer at the respondent's farm, but that Inos also required him at times to work at other locations on non-farming duties such as house painting, car washing, and bush-cutting.

He alleged that Inos paid him $300 per month in his first six months, but did not pay him at all for the last 20 months that he worked.

Taher claimed that the total wages owed for work he performed from March 1, 1998, to May 20, 2000, amount to $24,084.

Inos contended that he employed Taher full-time as a farmer during the permitted period from May 1999 to May 2000, but denied he ever assigned him to do non-farming jobs. Inos claimed he paid Taher $300 in cash every month from May 1999 until May 2000.

Inos produced no payroll records. He explained that all records were destroyed during a typhoon on Rota in 2000 or 2001.

In his order, Cody said the testimony of Taher that he was never paid any wages during the entire contract period is accepted as factual and credible.

Cody said Taher gave credible testimony that Inos sometimes assigned him to do "non-farming work."

Cody noted that most of the non-farming activities described by the complainant allegedly occurred in the period prior to August 1999 and thus, "are barred by the statute of limitations."

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ted to the Legislature next week for its approval. The lease is for a term of 25 years, with a possible 15-year extension.

DelRosario said the project, which carries an estimated price tag of $300 million, could well be the biggest investment in the Commonwealth in 60 years.

"It has the potential of becoming a signature facility for the CNMI. It is the first thing you would see as you approach Saipan," said Del Rosario.

The project calls for a 1,000-room hotel, casino, observatory, sauna and fitness center, indoor ice skating rink, outdoor concert hall, amusement park, water park, 36-hole golf link, horse riding ground, yacht basin, hot balloon area, and a Chamorro cultural village, among other things.

"It is a very ambitious project. I hope that they succeed," said Fitial.

Speaking through a translator, NGP chair Hyun Myung In downplayed the impact of the global economic crisis on the feasibility of the multimillion project. He said his company will "find a way" through the crisis and expressed hope it will get help from the local government. He added that NGP has four U.S.-based partner companies that will be financing the Tinian project.

This is the first time NGP is going into the casino business. From 1998 until last year, the company's operations involved publishing, advertising, market research and real estate. When he took over the company last year, Hyun switch the company's focus to the leisure and tourism business.

Hyun said NGP looked at starting similar projects in Laos and Vietnam, but postponed those plans to concentrate on the Tinian venture.

AGNES E. DONATO

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial poses with Tinian officials and Neo Goldwings Paradise executives after the signing of the provisional lease agreement for a proposed casino on Tinian.

POACHERS

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separate occurrences.

The CNMI government has placed a moratorium on the hunting of the Mariana fruit bat since the 1990s.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services listed the Mariana fruit bat in 2005 as endangered because of its alarming decline in numbers, so it is a federal offense to hunt them.

DFW said they discovered two poaching activities in two fruit bat colonies on Rota between Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 during regular monitoring work in the area.

In one colony roost site, DFW employees found no bats at all and the ground was littered with .410 and 12-gauge shotgun shells. They also discovered carcasses of the endangered species.

"Based on the state of decay and the garbage left behind, it was determined that the illegal hunting occurred on or around Oct. 26," the report said.

The same poaching activity was discovered in a routine survey on Nov. 1 at another fruit bat colony, where fresh blood on rocks and empty .410 and 12-gauge shotgun shells were found.

A dead juvenile male and female bats and an infant still clinging to her mother were also found.

The DFW officers noted that prior to their arrival at the site they noticed five hunters leaving the colony site.

They said they have reported this to the Department of Public Safety on Rota, which vowed to investigate the illegal hunting activities.

DFW said there are approximately 190 fruit bats that were disturbed and that any survivors have already left the site and went to safe havens elsewhere.

DFW said this was the third time they encountered poaching on Rota in a span of six months. There were other occurrences in June.

Because of these poaching activities, about 10 to 14 percent of the islands' fruit bat population have been killed, according to DFW biologists.

The current fruit bat population went down to about 1,000, compared to the estimated 2,500 in the 1990s to 2000.

"Hunting at fruit bat colonies is particularly harmful as the colonies are primarily composed of females, infants and juveniles, with a few breeding males. The hunting of females with young decreases the chances for population growth," DFW said.

It added that Mariana fruit bats produce only one young at a time, which may stay with the female for at least a year.

Because of this, reproduction is very slow and in turn causes the population to grow slowly, DFW said.

NMI Senate congratulates Obama

The Senate yesterday joined in to offer its congratulations to president-elect Barack Obama on his electoral triumph.

Senate members voted unanimously to adopt a resolution hailing the election of Obama as the 44th president of the United States, and congratulating him on behalf of the Commonwealth.

"The election of the first African-American president is a truly historic event. I believe it warrants the expression of our congratulations to Mr. Obama," Senate President Pete P. Reyes, sponsor of the resolution, told his fellow lawmakers yesterday.

The resolution, now bound for a vote in the House of Representatives, states, "As part of the American political family, the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands join the nation in recognizing this significant and momentous occasion in our nation's history."

"With this election, the people of the Commonwealth are hopeful that positive and productive change will take place in our nation's capital and throughout the world. The people of the [CNMI] are committed to help bring about this change by working together with the Obama administration and our regional partners," it adds.

The senators also expressed hope that the new administration will strengthen ties between the continental United States and its outlying areas.

"It is the hope and intention of the 16th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature to foster a new and constructive relationship between the leadership of the CNMI and the new White House administration," the resolution says. ***(Agnes E. Donato)***

AGO prosecutes 4 in Internet shop riot

The Attorney General's Office has filed charges against four men who were involved in a riot at an Internet shop on Saipan.

Brian Tebuteb Palacios and Antonio Brown Sablan Jr. were charged with criminal mischief and riot. Andrew Curtis Brown Sablan was charged with riot and assault and battery, while Alexander Pangelinan Sablan Jr. was charged with criminal mischief, riot, and assault and battery.

All defendants were summoned to appear and answer the charges in Superior Court on Dec. 1, 2008 at 9am.

Chief Prosecutor Kevin Lynch stated in the information that on May 10, 2008, Palacios and Antonio Sablan Jr. damaged the glass door of an Internet game room owned by Jian Hua Min.

Lynch said Andrew Sablan pushed Chun Hui Chen, while Alexander Sablan damaged the Internet game room and punched Li Feng Gong repeatedly. ***(Ferdie dela Torre)***

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certify Sablan as the elected delegate to the House of Representatives until some 655 absentee ballots are counted on Nov. 18.

This poses a problem for the Committee on House Administration, in charge of logistics, operations and personnel matters in the House of Representatives. The committee has already scheduled a new member orientation for freshman representatives from Nov. 17 to 21, 2008, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Capitol Hill.

The briefing aims to educate first time representatives about the fundamentals of House rules and on how to run a congressional office.

Based on the tentative schedule obtained by *Saipan Tribune*, the welcome session will be held at 10am at the Cannon Caucus Room, Cannon House Office Building on Nov. 17. There will be a Democratic caucus and Republican conference meetings on Nov. 19 and 20. The final day will be devoted to designating office space.

Sablan said he would attend the briefing "if invited." He said he would caucus with the Democrats because "it's the smart thing to do."

"I have always been a Democrat. The only reason I ran as Independent was because the Democratic Party on Saipan was not very organized," Sablan said in a telephone interview. "But I think it's still early to talk about that until all the 655 absentee ballots are counted."

Nonetheless, Sablan said he hopes to become a member of House committees on homeland security and natural resources, where the subcommittee on insular affairs belongs. The House Committee on Homeland Security has oversight of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, an agency tasked with implementing new immigration laws in the CNMI.

In case he gets to D.C., Sablan said he wants to meet with Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawai'i). Sablan, according to his website, was appointed special assistant to Inouye.

Sablan said he also intends to meet with Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources staff member Allen Stayman and Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs director Nikolao Pula.

Three-hour islandwide outage delays flight

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REPORTER

The entire island of Saipan was without power for three hours early yesterday morning after an engine shut down due to a transformer malfunction.

A departing Northwest flight was delayed for two hours because of the outage.

The transformer breaker at the Chalan Kiya/Waterloo substation caused engine 8 at Power Plant 1 to go down, causing a chain reaction that ultimately brought down all of the engines, including the emergency Aggreko generators. The incident occurred at 3:45am; power was restored to the island at 6:31am.

Engine 8 was producing 3 megawatts of power at the time. Because of the way the Aggreko generators are connected to the power plants, that engine's shutdown brought down the emergency generators, which then brought down the engines at Power Plant 4, said John Ed Onedera, of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s Power Division.

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"The funny situation is that when Aggreko came in, they have a relying protection connected, so that if our Power Plant 1 generation goes down, their generation goes down," he said.

The loss of approximately 17 megawatts of power from the Aggreko generators then brought down Power Plant 4, he added.

"When you lose a lot of power generation, you lose a lot of engines," he said, adding that the engines are made to automatically shut down when they are overloaded.

Antonio Muña, CUC executive director, said the cause of the transformer breaker opening is still being investigated.

An airplane was unable to push back from a bridge at the airport due to the outage. Passengers on the Northwest flight were forced to sit on the plane for two hours until power was restored to the bridge, and the plane could push back for departure, said Ike Perez, of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

CPA provided supplemental generators to provide air conditioning for the passengers, he added.

Perez could not give additional information on the flight and said it was up to the airline to keep the passengers on board. A representative from Northwest's office in Guam did not return phone calls as of press time.

Perez said the airport's backup generator did not come on because it is still being fixed. The parts needed to fix the generator are being shipped Nov. 18 and should arrive by Dec. 12. After installation and tests, the generator should be working by the first week of January, Perez said.

Meanwhile, the second partial of feeder two went down for a few hours yesterday afternoon. Feeder two includes portions of Lower Base, the Seaport and Beach Road in Garapan south to the San Jose Intersection.

CDA buys three auctioned lots worth over $1.5M

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The Commonwealth Development Authority bought three properties worth over $1.5 million, including interests, during an auction held Friday, Oct. 31, at the CDA Conference Room.

The properties included residential and fresh fish market lots in Tanapag with an outstanding amount of $943,538.88; an apartment building in San Roque with an outstanding amount of $499,896.59; and a vacant lot in Tatgua, Rota, with an outstanding amount of $93,651.22.

CDA acting chief executive officer Oscar C. Camacho said these amounts included 9 percent interest rate per judgment order.

Camacho said this would mean CDA is entitled to seek a corresponding amount, based on the 9 percent interest accrued on these properties and would be liable to the owners.

Records show the two lots in Tanapag, which were purchased for $281,000, each have an area of 2,099 square meters and were bought from borrower Juan M. San Nicolas.

The fish market has an appraised value of $123,000 while the residential lot was appraised at $158,000. Both have a deficiency amount of $662,538.88.

A default judgment on April 21, 2008, ruled that the client owed CDA a principal amount of $624,992.72; an interest of $300,252.95, late penalties of $17,127.46; and legal fees of $1,165.75.

The two-story eight-unit apartment building, including the lot in San Roque, has an area of 752 square meters bought from client/borrower Francisco I. Babauta. The property has an appraised value of $217,000 with a total deficiency of $282,896.59.

The vacant lot in Tatgua, Rota, which was bought from client/borrower Benjamin T. Manglona, has an area of 9,384.50 square meters with an appraised value of $75,000, with a deficiency of $18,651.22.

Camacho explained that by doing this, CDA would be able to take the properties away from those who could not manage them and give them to somebody else who can make them productive.

In a way, he said, this process will help the economy turn around because it tends to put these properties on a progressive trend and will create employment.

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Policeman allegedly fires gun, assaults brother

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A police officer has been arrested for allegedly firing his personal gun and assaulting his brother in Garapan Sunday afternoon. Police Officer Nick Leon Guerrero was later released.

Department of Public Safety Commissioner Santiago F. Tudela said yesterday that Leon Guerrero has been put on administrative duty pending the outcome of the DPS Internal Affairs' investigation.

"This case will then be forwarded to the Attorney General's Investigative Unit for further investigation," said Tudela in a statement.

Saipan Tribune contacted Leon Guerrero yesterday, but he refused to comment.

The commissioner said that on Sunday at 5:27pm, DPS received a report of a disturbance in the Garapan area.

Police officers were dispatched to the residence of Leon Guererro.

According to preliminary investigation, Tudela said, an argument took place between family members, prompting Leon Guerrero to discharge his personal firearm and assault his brother.

Leon Guerrero and his brother, Scott Leon Guerrero, were subsequently arrested and brought to the Department of Corrections for further processing.

At the time, the police officer was off-duty.

Leon Guerrero was assigned to the DPS Police Academy as a drill instructor.

The officer and his brother were later released. No one was injured as a result of the gunfire, Tudela said.

Tudela said Leon Guerrero fired his .223 rifle when his brother slapped him.

"This case has been forwarded to the Internal Affairs Unit pending further investigation," the commissioner said.

Tudela told *Saipan Tribune* that sworn personnel at the department must maintain the highest standard of professionalism, whether they are on duty or off-duty.

"They have to be professional and they have to maintain their conduct," he said.

Trash collector nabbed for alleged embezzlement

Police arrested on Tuesday a 58-year-old man who allegedly embezzled $1,630 from a trash collection company.

Ernesto A. Reloza was arrested for theft and theft by failure to make required disposition of funds received. A $5,000 cash bail was initially imposed for his temporary liberty.

Reloza was set to appear Wednesday afternoon for a bail hearing before Superior Court associate judge David A. Wiseman.

Detective Patrick Earl Maanao stated in his report that on Aug. 18, 2008, Nestor Tumaquip, accountant for TC Services, reported a theft case to the Department of Public Safety.

In January 2008, TC Services, a trash collections company, hired Reloza. The defendant was formerly employed with 3G Trash Services, which was closing down.

Reloza was assigned to continue collecting trash from former customers of 3G Trash Collection Services.

However, the defendant allegedly failed to submit the payments he was receiving from the customers.

Tumaquip stated that, based on his audit, Reloza embezzled a total of $1,630 between January and April 2008, Maanao said. ***(Ferdie dela Torre)***

Businesses back new tax rebate plan for investors

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REPORTER

The local private sector is urging lawmakers to pass a new tax rebate plan for investors in the Commonwealth.

A bill, sponsored by Rep. Joseph Reyes, proposes to establish an "economic stimulus investment program" to encourage business in the Northern Marianas. Similar to the existing qualifying certificate program, the incentive plan offers tax abatement for new investments.

The proposed legislation will require the Department of Commerce to grant tax relief for new investments of at least $5 million for a one-time period of three years.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce, the largest business group in the Commonwealth, has called the proposal an "important additional economic tool by which potential investors may look positively on the CNMI."

Alex Sablan, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce's government relations committee, said the new incentive program will help the CNMI's bid to expand its economic base.

However, Sablan said the bill should be amended to remove the sunset clause, which requires the program to terminate after three years. He said that 36 months is too short a period to for startup businesses to recoup its investment. He suggested that the term of the tax relief should be decided relative to the size of the investment.

"I can understand how this may be perceived as a giveaway but we assure you the opportunity and extension provided to new investment will go a long way to improving our reputation as a business friendly paradise and the long term return in expansion, employment, consumption, and the overall multiplier effect provided by new investment will more than make up for the perceived potential losses on both sides of the street of startup investments," he said.

"We believe [House Bill] 16-172 is a win-win for all," he added.

The Tinian municipal government and the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission echoed the support of the business community. According to Tinian Mayor Jose P. San Nicolas, the government should "continue to explore and put in place incentive programs that will attract fresh investment and development for the CNMI." For his part, TCGCC chairman Francisco M. Borja said the CNMI needs to sacrifice immediate tax revenue to rebuild the economy.

The bill has also received support from Rota Resort & Country Club, and Bridge Investment Group, which is proposing a multimillion dollar casino resort on Tinian.

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Revision work on Chamorro dictionary underway

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REPORTER

A committee to revise the 33-year old Chamorro-English Dictionary has started reviewing entries for a new edition that members will be working on for three years.

As part of initial efforts, committee members held a teleconference yesterday with linguist Sandra Chang from the University of California–Sta. Cruz.

The Revision Committee members are Vicente Borja, Rita Guerrero and Gonzalo Santos (Susupe); Carmen S. Taimanao, Noel Quitugua and William Macaranas (Guinifi); Bernie P. Sablan, Paz C. Younis and Manny F. Borja (Langat); Jose Sanchez, Viola Guerrero and Dan Quitugua (Attu'asi); Tita A. Hocog and Magdalena SN Mesngon (Luta); Angie C. Fitial (Tinian); and Dr. Liz Rechebei and Dr. Rita Hocog Inos (Sainan Cho'cho').

Rechebei and Inos are coordinating the committee, which is composed of four working groups.

The three-year project is in collaboration with the National Science Foundation and funded by the Northern Marianas Islands Council for the Humanities.

Rechebei said some of the main activities of the working groups would be to check the accuracy of the definitions and to indicate grammatical errors.

With the use of a software called 2BOX, the working groups would be able to identify some major changes as well as additional entries.

"One working group will give its work to another working group for it to review and after each group reviewed it, it would be handed over to us," Rechebei said, adding that it would be a long process.

She said they would be consulting experts of the language such as fishermen, farmers, and people who have basic knowledge in other fields such as culture and arts.

"These are the people who really know the language. We will be convening them because they are very knowledgeable in, let's say, about the parts of a house or parts of a canoe. They would be able to define such words or entries," Rechebei explained.

She said different groups may have different opinions but this is part of the process of putting these different opinions into proper perspective.

"Language is always evolving. We will continue to enrich the Chamorro language," Rechebei said.

She described committee members as really dedicated and are making a lot of progress.

"It is a very exciting process and we are fortunate that we have these people to put their energies. It is also a great learning experience for all of us," she said.

Rechebei said they hope that their end product would be used in schools and the public.

Rechebei said that Chang is currently doing a second part of the project, a reference grammar book that would be an oral history of the Chamorro language.

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LIHEAP to hold Energy Fair on Nov. 26

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The office of the Low Income Home Energy Program will be holding its first Energy Fair on Saipan on Nov. 26 at the 4H Club.

Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Cecilia Taitano-Celes said this event would give people tips on how to conserve power and cost. LIHEAP is under DCCA.

Taitano-Celes said LIHEAP's George Fitial would be the overall coordinator for the one-day fair.

Smaller events had already been done on Rota in September and on Tinian two weeks ago. "We had a very successful fair on Rota and Tinian," Fitial said.

The Saipan fair would be open to the community and will showcase products or items that promote energy saving.

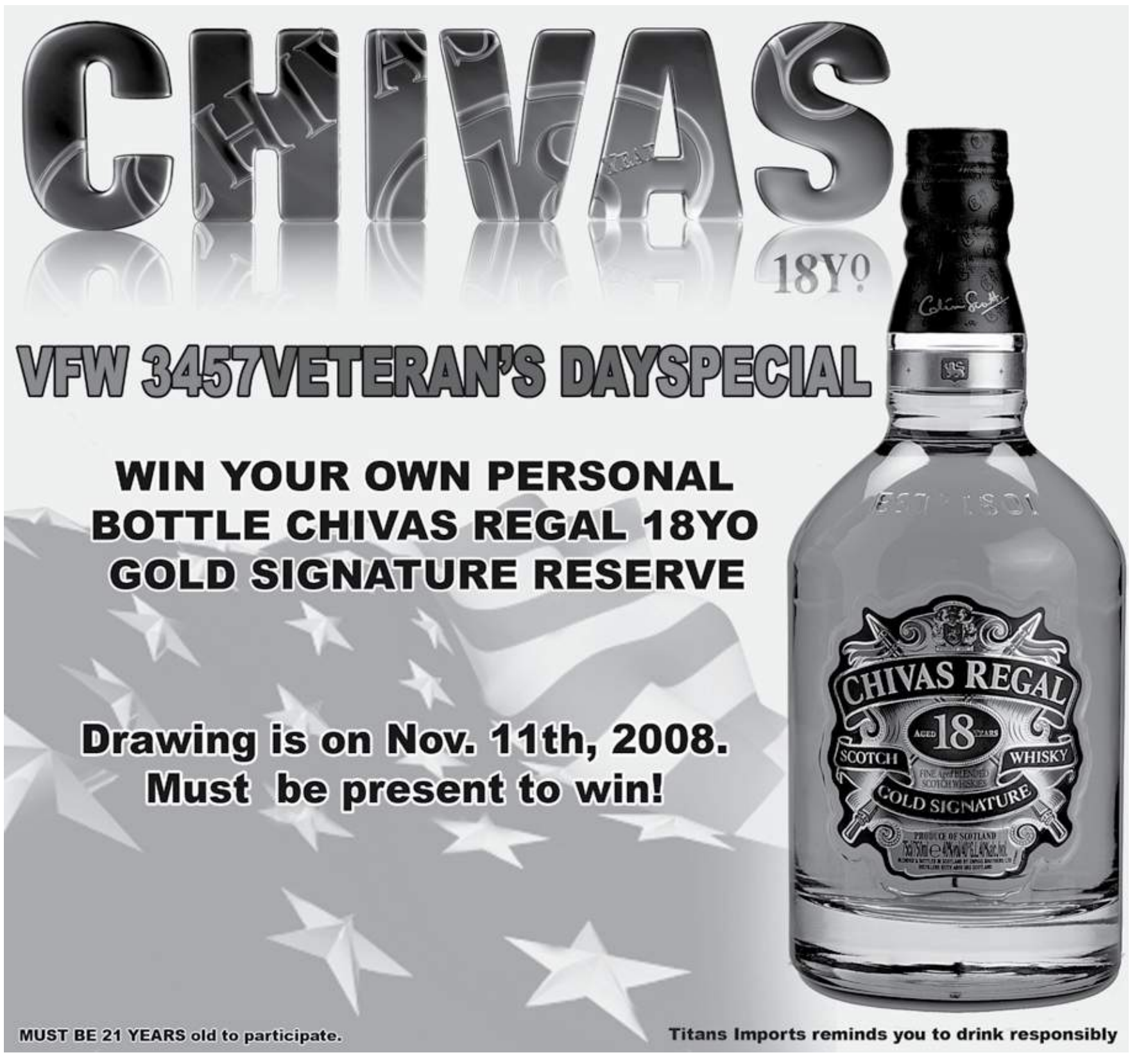
"Companies can sell their energy products such as fans, solar water heaters, bulbs and other promotional items," she said.

Taitano-Celes said the fair would be a coordinated effort with other government agencies such as the Department of Public Health, Division of Public Safety, and Division of Environmental Quality.

"We have to find ways to make people aware of several methods of energy conservation. We urge them to join and bring any kind of promotional tools," she said. "Our job is to go out and make the public aware about some of the methods and the new technologies we can utilize. It would be a beneficial fair."

Taitano-Celes said the fair is a way of educating people about the little things they can do to save cost instead of relying fully on electricity.

LIHEAP said there will be raffle prizes to be given away such as butane gas, light bulbs, apron and other things that are useful at home.



EMO warns of strong waves today

The CNMI Emergency Management Office is warning people to be careful when going into the water today due to strong waves and rip currents.

In a small craft advisory it issued yesterday, EMO said that fresh trade winds will produce high surf on east facing reefs on Saipan, Tinian and Rota yesterday and today.

EMO said the small craft advisory remains in effect until 6am this morning.

Based on the information received from the National Weather Service in Guam and compiled by EMO, high pressure over the western north Pacific will promote fresh to strong trade winds across the Marianas last night and early this morning.

Surf will diminish slightly on east facing reefs on Saturday.

East winds between 20 to 25 knots with gusts of up to 30 knots are expected offshore.

EMO is advising the public that wave conditions support stronger or more frequent rip currents.

"Always have a flotation device with you in the water." it said. ***(EMO)***

DPS sets 4 checkpoints on Tinian

The Tinian Department of Public Safety said the Traffic Section will be conducting insurance, seatbelt, and sobriety checkpoints today and tomorrow.

The first insurance checkpoint will be held today, Nov. 7, 2008, along Broadway Road by the baseball field in San Jose Village. It will start at 8pm and will last about 75 minutes. It will end at 9:15pm.

The second insurance checkpoint will be conducted on the same day along Broadway Road by the Tinian Democrat Head Quarters. It will start at 10pm and will end at 11:15pm. Both checkpoints are subject to be terminated if it begins to rain.

The Tinian DPS Traffic Section will also be conducting a DUI/sobriety checkpoint tomorrow, Nov. 8, 2008, along Broadway Road by the baseball field in San Jose Village. It will start at 6:30pm and last untilt 7:45pm.

Traffic officers will also be conducting the occupant protection/child restraint checkpoint on the same date, Nov. 8, 2008. This checkpoint will be held along Broadway Road near the Star Plaza. The checkpoint will begin at 11am and last until 12:15pm. Both checkpoints are subject to be terminated if it begins to rain.

In addition to the checkpoints, officers will be conducting highway criminal interdictions and laser activities. ***(DPS)***

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NOVEMBER 07, 2000

Teno calls for unity

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio yesterday called for unity in the Republican Party following Saturday's open primary that saw the defeat of Lt. Gov. Jesus R. Sablan in seeking the nomination as its official gubernatorial candidate in next year's election. "I am happy that the primary is [over] and people went out and voted for their choice," the Republican governor told reporters in an interview.

NMI, RP to sign labor pact in Manila

A five-man delegation from the Northern Marianas is flying to Manila in two weeks to finalize the amendment to the existing labor agreement between the Commonwealth and the Philippine governments. CNMI officials are scheduled to meet with their Philippine counterparts on Nov. 20 and 21 in Manila for the formal signing of the amendments to the Bilateral Labor Agreement which officially closes the Commonwealth Liaison Office in Makati City.

NOVEMBER 07, 2001

Businesses urged to donate to educational institutions

The Grace Christian Academy made a pitch yesterday for businesses and individuals to avail of tax credits by giving up to $5,000 to nonprofit educational institutions in the CNMI. Speaking before the Rotary Club's Tuesday meeting at the Hyatt Regency Hotel-Saipan, GCA's fundraising coordinator Kimberly Lunn said this program allows businesses to have the opportunity "to choose where your valuable tax dollars are being spent."

BB Administration gears up for tough times

Members of the incoming Republican government conceded that they have a tough year ahead of them, not only in terms of turning around the sour economy but also proving themselves worthy of their overwhelming mandate. Lt. Gov.-elect Diego Benavente said that now, more than ever, he feels that people have mandated them to implement the changes that their party has offered.

NOVEMBER 07, 2002

Camacho-Moylan team wins

Republican standard bearers Felix Camacho and Kaleo Moylan take the highest posts in the Government of Guam, racing ahead of their Democrat-rivals with more than 4,400 votes, according to unofficial final general elections results released Wednesday. Unofficial tally of election returns indicated that Camacho and Moylan rallied with 23,440 votes, making them the next Guam Governor and Lieutenant Governor, respectively.

CNMI congratulates new Guam leadership

CNMI government leaders yesterday passed on good wishes to the new slate of elected Guam leaders, especially congratulating the victorious tandem of Governor-elect Felix Camacho and Lt. Gov.-elect Kaleo Moylan who won Guam's gubernatorial polls Tuesday. Gov. Juan N. Babauta said that he and Lt. Gov. Diego T. Benavente are looking forward to working with the Camacho-Moylan administration in addressing issues of mutual concern-specifically in the areas of health, tourism and education.

NOVEMBER 07, 2003

Who can convene the Senate?

Sen. Pete P. Reyes strongly believes that Sen. Paul A. Manglona and his group should hold off their planned Nov. 17 session on Rota in deference to any ruling that the court would issue on the pending civil case filed by Manglona's bloc in connection to the leadership dispute."Doesn't it make sense that because they have a case pending in court that they should wait for the adjudication of that case so that they know whether this action that we have done is legitimate or not?," asked Reyes, who claimed the Senate presidency in September following a reorganization initiated by four Senate members—himself, Ramon S. Guerrero, David M. Cing and Thomas P. Villagomez. the areas of health, tourism and education.

CUC board split on desalination project

With no member to break the tie vote, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. Board of Directors ended up split, 3-3, on the proposed approval of its intent to award the $136.9-million Saipan desalination contract to a Korean firm. Favoring the motion were CUC board chairman Herman P. Sablan, vice chairman and operations committee head Frank Q. Guerrero, and member Laura Manglona.

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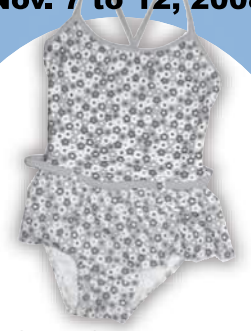

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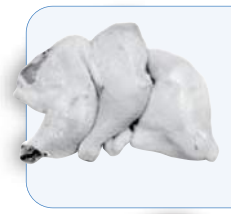

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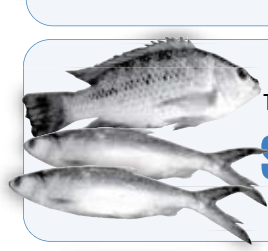

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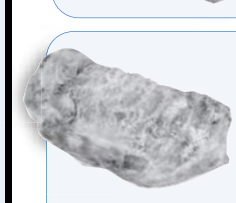

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Change

Campaigns divide, and this one has been no exception. But if campaigns present choices, elections are the occasion for reunification. On Tuesday night, the struggle ended with a convincing victory that altered the contours of the electoral map and movingly reminded us of the greatness in our history.

With victories in Democratic strongholds and historic Republican redoubts—Virginia, of all places—Barack Obama can rightfully assert a national mandate, one he will need to confront the difficulties ahead. As our president, he must re-energize a troubled nation, reviled in much of the world, unsteady and anxious at home. The range of issues that demand the next administration's attention is almost limitless; the yearning of the country for thoughtful, conscientious leadership is nearly palpable.

Before the election gives way to the complexity of governing, however, we deserve to savor this moment. The same nation that within many of our lifetimes sanctioned Jim Crow has elected a black man to the presidency of the United States—this, just 61 years after Jackie Robinson lifted a bat for the Brooklyn Dodgers, 54 years after Brown vs. Board of Education integrated the nation's schools, 45 years after the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. spoke to the country's conscience from Washington's National Mall. Our history of racism is real and painful, and it is far from resolved. But our progress is equally undeniable. It stood before us Tuesday night. The satisfaction of Obama's victory resonates around the world, stirring emotions in Europe and Africa, in rich nations and poor, just as it stirs our national soul.

Obama will serve as president not of a race or a region but of a nation. He has demonstrated admirable gifts for leadership in his young life and in this long campaign. And as he assumes the office that the electorate has granted him, he has the opportunity to be the leader that our current president, too often, has not been. He must surmount the partisanship of the campaign, bridging the divides of party, as George W. Bush pledged to do but did not. He must repair the United States' international relations and renew our ties to the multilateral organizations that President Bush neglected. He must repair the damage inflicted by the so-called war on terror, which has alienated the United States from many friends. Closing the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, would be a welcome and symbolic start.

Obama faces an economy in tatters. The downturn caused by the collapse of the housing market will force him to grapple with increasing unemployment, mounting foreclosures and some high-profile bankruptcies, possibly including a major U.S. automaker. The temptation will be strong to open the federal budget tap and pour cash into the economy. But there are lessons of history to be heeded in this moment of crisis. There's little or no benefit to be gained from giving money to taxpayers and companies that aren't ready to spend it. Keeping weak companies in business to minimize the pain of more job losses would only delay the inevitable restructuring and prolong the economic malaise. And the more often the government intervenes directly in an industry, the more it usurps the market's role in picking winners and losers.

On the environment and energy, it is imperative for Obama to lead a radical shift in policy. Global warming has for too long been a partisan issue, with Al Gore and other Democrats leading the charge to combat it while Republicans, including Bush, have scoffed at scientific findings and promoted fossil-fuel consumption. There's nothing political about the climate: It's getting warmer, and the overwhelming consensus of scientific opinion has concluded that humans are the cause.

There is good reason to think that conservatives, who have re-

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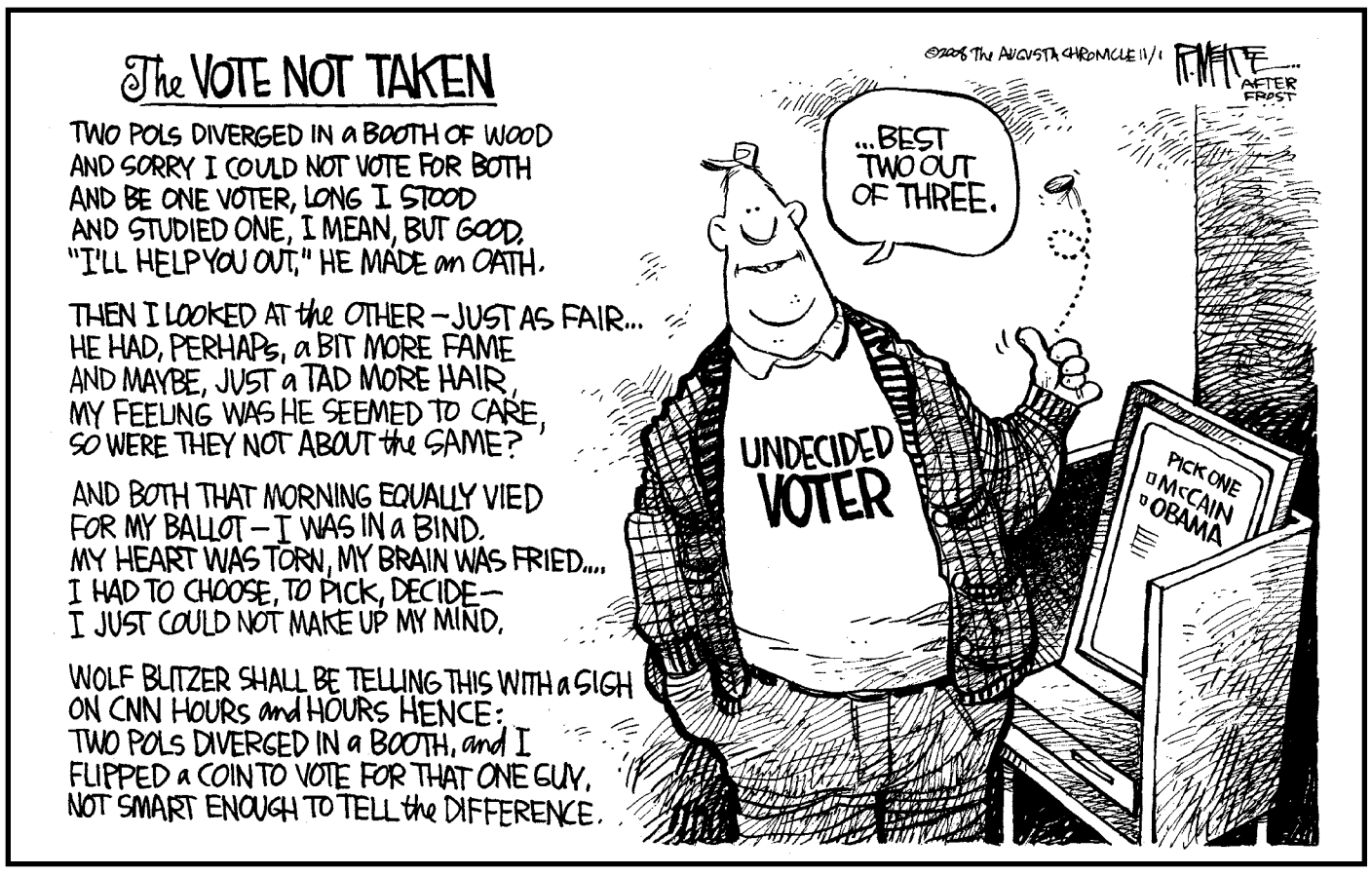
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Most of my pals who remained in the U.S. mainland are digging out of their second divorces about now. Evidently, all is not well in the mainland's marital front. I get e-mail that goes like so:

"Dear Ed, Sorry I haven't written in 12 years, my computer was broken. Anyway, you may have heard that Suzie and I divorced recently. By the way, do you know any beautiful women in Asia that might be looking for a husband? Thanks. Joe."

I find these requests sort of creepy and untoward. I can't really explain why. I have the same reaction to the losers who think they're charming when they ask my Filipina wife if—wink, wink—she has any sisters.

In contrast to my mainland clique, my expat friends are typically very happily married, or are very happily not-married. Many went through the U.S. divorce meat grinder once, and none wanted to repeat that experience. Of the married set, I'd say that about 75 percent are now married to Filipinas; Chinese and Korean wives would comprise about 15 percent or so, and, well, your guess is as good as mine on the rest.

And then there's Phil.

Phil was a warehouse manager for a company I was an executive with before I had made the leap to Saipan. He was far better company than the pinheads and pantywaists in the office wing of the building, so I'd spend as much time as I could playing hooky from my office, and hanging out with Phil in the warehouse.

Phil had got some stubborn notion that he just had to find an exotic wife from Asia. Don't look at me, I didn't give him the notion. We worked and lived in a rural part of the U.S., which was hardly a venue amenable to his demographic preferences in the nuptials realm.

Anyway, I moved to Saipan and lost track of Phil entirely. Then, lo and behold, he popped up about eight years later, finding me via my Web site. And he related his tale of woe.

Phil (so the story went) had joined some lonely hearts club sort of thing, and, a year or two later, he wound up flying to Manila to meet the alleged lady of his dreams. Upon his return home, he obtained a fiancee visa for her, and along came the long awaited day of her arrival in the U.S.

And, arrive she did. The bliss lasted for about four days, and then she wandered off, having secured (so Phil had surmised from his phone records) the associations of a number of other men that she was interested in seeing. She was riding the hanky-panky express, U.S.A., and Phil had paid her admission.

He had some real concerns about immigration visa stuff, or liability thereof, I don't claim to understand it. I guess the authorities take a dim view of a man losing his fiancee like you'd lose a set of car keys.

For their part, economists take a dim view of markets that lose their efficiency because parties that want to cooperate can't find each other; marriage, too, is an issue of supply and demand, at least at some basic level. We're up against the bugaboo of information costs here; everyone is convinced that Mr. Right or Mrs. Right are out there, somewhere, but they're hidden among 7 billion other earthly inhabitants.

And when there is market inefficiency, there is opportunity.

If I had sufficiently mercenary instincts (and I don't), I'd just hang out my shingle as a love broker. I think matchmaking is an ancient vocation. I probably lack the sales skills, though. I can just imagine my e-mails to clients:

"Dear Mr. X: Your photo was circulated to our vast network of beautiful potential brides, and we regret to inform you that you are too ugly to merit any interest. I invite your attention to paragraph 13, subsection U, part III, of your service contract, which specifies that clients may be excluded from the eligibility pool if they lack esthetic suitability, as defined by ISO 9001."

Or: "Dear. Ms. Y: After evaluating your enrollment questioner, I suggest that you list 'rich,' 'in poor health,' and 'heavy smoker' as the primary attributes you seek in a husband."

Saipan, a lively and exotic crossroads of east and west, would be just the place for this. After all, I've never seen a place that held such a talent for turning single people married, and married people single. If I add a divorce lawyer to my staff, I'll be able to cash in at both ends of the process.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In defense of CAO

Let's be honest from the goodness of our hearts. It is not good to hurt someone's economic well-being who's enjoying the fruits of his effort after many hard fought battles and long struggles.

If you are making a recommendation in the open public for the Indigenous Affairs Office to be closed down, then the right direction to undertake is to go to the Governor's Office and submit that recommendation in writing and in person. The newspaper is not the rights way.

There's nothing wrong in maintaining the Indigenous Affairs Office in our government. The person in-charge of this great office is doing a mighty fine job. He's trying his best everyday. And he's determined to do whatever it takes to defend or represent all Carolinians and Chamorros in the CNMI.

Remember, during these global economic hard times, we should be all holding hands together as one people here in the CNMI. This is the time when we should be all praying for one another. This is the time when we should be all marching behind Governor Fitial.

Martin M. Sakisat
Saipan

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What's new in negative campaigning

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In 1800, Thomas Jefferson endured a presidential campaign in which supporters of his opponent, President John Adams, labored mightily to convince the public that the then-vice president was an atheistic coward hell-bent on ripping Bibles from the homes of God-fearing Americans. A Jeffersonian writer, in turn, called Adams a "hideous hermaphroditical character which has neither the force and the firmness of a man nor the gentleness or sensibility of a woman."

In later campaigns, Andrew Jackson's wife was referred to as a woman of the night, and Abraham Lincoln was characterized as a baboon in as many creative ways as the opposition could imagine. When Al Smith, a Catholic, campaigned across the country in 1928, his train was met in certain parts by flaming crosses, courtesy of the Ku Klux Klan.

Those examples tell us a couple of things: Dirty tricks in U.S. politics are as old as the republic, and politics ain't a Sunday tea party.

Elections in this country are marked by a vigorous, often coarse dialogue, and that has always been the case. So just how much soil did the dirt of 2008 leave on John McCain and Barack Obama compared with other recent presidential nominees?

During the 1988 campaign, Democratic nominee Michael Dukakis was portrayed as an enemy of the American flag and a friend of convicted rapist and murderer Willie Horton. President Reagan even suggested offhandedly that he might be mentally unstable. George H.W. Bush's turn to defend against mud in '88 came after a rumor accused him of engaging in an affair with an aide. No one produced a shred of evidence to support the charge, and a Dukakis staffer resigned for promoting the rumor. The "affair" was rehashed during Bush's 1992 race against Bill Clinton. Democrats needed an antidote to rumors of Clinton's extramarital behavior.

Clinton was a magnet for negative claims, extramarital activity being but one example. There were persistent rumors that he tried to renounce his U.S. citizenship to escape the draft (false) and engaged in unpatriotic activities during a student trip to the Soviet Union (false).

The 2004 Swift Boat Veterans for Truth campaign against John Kerry, saying that he lied to get Vietnam medals, was refuted. But the campaign was political jujitsu, taking Kerry's greatest strength—an honorable record of service—and turning it into a major liability.

George W. Bush found his own war record questioned in 2004 when CBS News ran an expose questioning his 1970s service in the Air National Guard. The documents undergirding the story were later judged to be forgeries fed to the network as a means of discrediting the president.

How does 2008 compare? The Internet has made the spreading of dirty tricks viral. It is easier than ever to initiate a dirty trick, and to do it anonymously. I have been astounded by the number of people I encountered who believed Obama was a secret Muslim who took his senatorial oath of office on a Quran, was the antichrist or was not really a U.S. citizen—all false claims. One group sent out an e-mail titled, "Life as We Know It Will End If Obama is Elected," with the charge that in an Obama administration, "People who hate Christianity will be emboldened to attack our freedoms." It makes little difference that Obama belongs to the United Church of Christ.

These charges originated with outside groups, but the McCain campaign itself splattered some mud. Sarah Palin's phrase "palling around with terrorists" won't be soon forgotten. The McCain camp's focus on William Ayers—a man who spent a decade as a fugitive for his involvement in the violent Weather Underground—had little effect, but the over-the-top robocalls hammering Obama for his tangential relationship with "the domestic terrorist" Ayers were memorably distasteful. The terrorist reference was incendiary and insidious, seeking to reinforce the baseless rumors that Obama was Muslim and somehow anti-American.

And a ridiculous McCain ad accused Obama of wanting kindergartners to have sex education "before learning to read." The bill supported by Obama in the Illinois Legislature was actually designed to protect children from sexual predation.

McCain was subjected to plenty of harsh attacks too. He faced wild charges from Obama supporters (although not the campaign itself) that he is a real-life Manchurian candidate (brainwashed by the North Vietnamese) and untrue claims that he showed cowardice during a devastating fire on the aircraft carrier Forrestal in 1967. Obama's campaign was responsible for a snarky ad called "Computer," which all but said McCain was too old to be president, as though up-to-date computer skills had anything to do with the judgment needed for the Oval Office.

Another Obama ad lifted two inflammatory statements about immigrants made by Rush Limbaugh ("Stupid and unskilled Mexicans" and "You shut your mouth or you get out!") and linked them to McCain.

If we listed all the outrageous exaggerations and untruths uttered in ads and on the trail in 2008, this report would be the length of "War and Peace." Most fair-minded observers would call this fall's campaign one of the more irresponsibly negative, rumor-filled presidential seasons the nation has ever seen. Neither of the campaigns nor the media have had clean hands, although unquestionably Obama was subjected to the more pervasive series of damaging lies.

Shouldn't we be laboring to construct a legislated code of ethics to end dirty tricks once and for all? Maybe in Utopia. Until someone can write a law that modifies basic human nature, it will be impossible to stop these practices. At election time, the stakes are too high, the emotions run too deep. And, in the Internet age it will be increasingly difficult to root out the perpetrators.

So by all means, we should condemn dirty tricks. But in a democracy, rough-hewn campaigning is a substitute for the more vicious means of change practiced in totalitarian regimes, including the coup d'etat and street riots.

For humankind, a sobriquet such as "hideous hermaphroditical character" actually might be progress.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Babies on Saipan

In reference to the news article **"**Web sites promote NMI as a place to have babies," I have witnessed at least six pregnant Korean women that live right next door to my home in Dandan. Yes, they moved in looking like watermelons on two legs, no husband, just caretakers, maid service, and even escort to the hospital for mama checks. Once they give birth two to three days later, they fly away and in less than a month another will pop in and will go through the same process. My guess is once they obtain their baby's birth certificate, they'll apply for the baby's passport through the U.S. Embassy in their country.

I have shared my findings to a couple of elected officials and even to a former staff of the Division of Labor and Immigration and she had reported it to the said department and no action was taken. Just recently I heard that this type of practice (having babies in the CNMI) is now being moved from house to house and or apartment so they will avoid suspicious landlords or apartment managers. But then again, I'm sure some landlords are aware but do nothing due to the income for their pockets. If DOLI wants to know one of these people who are practicing this type of activities, please call me and I will point straight to their location. I would like to urge all of our people to please do something about it if you suspect this type of practice. We need to clean up our act, and stop this people from profiting on our islands.

Joseph M. Palacios
Dandan, Saipan

Retroactive for Rota

Regarding the retroactive for Rota, when will this matter ever be solved? When will our leaders realize one day that this is a really serious matter, especially to those who are relying on their retroactive? It's been years and now another election is fast approaching. This was made a promise and the promise was not accomplished. Were those promises made just so that the leaders can be seated in power, not for what they actually can do to help the entire CNMI? This is no game because it deals with every individual's lives, those individuals who are awaiting their pay. I believe there were funds appropriated for the retroactive pay for Rota and it was made into law. Why aren't they being used for its purpose? To our leaders who are representing the beautiful island of Rota, I say you should help the people and listen to their voices of concerns for they believed in you as true leaders who care for your people's needs. There should be an initiative to solve this matter. The "retroactive" can't be used as a promise just to get seated and be elected to do nothing. You are getting paid to show that you are willing to lend a helping hand. When you say the word promise, then do the job. Remember that you leaders are being counted on to bring this solution up so that it can be fulfilled.

For those of you who plan on running for the general election, please think and ask yourselves these questions prior to making your final decision to serve.

- Am I the person who can help each and everyone who is in need?
- Am I the person who can gain trust and be trusted?
- Am I the person who knows what changes need to be done?
- Am I the person who can keep promises and fulfill them?
- Am I the person who can negotiate for my island and believe that responsibility is my top priority?
- Am I the person who actually believe that " once a true leader, always a true leader?
- Am I the person who can lead my people and my community toward success?

If you answer the above questions positively, then keep in your heart that you are a "true leader."

Abigail Manglona
Guam

Gas prices is whatsup

Why is gas still very expensive? The maximum price of gas per gallon was $5.05 when the price per barrel was around $140 earlier this year. Now that the price per barrel is around $64, gas is still around $4 per gallon. This just sounds too fishy. If you do the math, it makes more sense if gas was selling at $2.50 per gallon right now. Since the price per barrel is currently half of the peak price, the price per gallon should also be half of the peak price of $5.05. $5.05/2= $2.52 per gallon. The Marianas is long overdue for our fair share of price reduction. We need this reduction so that we can spend our money on commodities and give a small boost to our economy instead of working for nothing but gas. Pat hafa mon?

Jeffrey Flores
Koblerville, Saipan

CHANGE

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sisted environmental initiatives because of their economic cost, are prepared to join this conversation. John McCain is in favor of carbon caps, and prominent figures in the evangelical Christian movement have begun calling for better stewardship of the Earth. What's more, it's increasingly clear that ignoring climate change would be more costly to the global economy than fighting it, a point that should hit home with fiscal conservatives. Our new president needs to impose a price on greenhouse-gas emissions, encourage renewable power and improve energy efficiency and automotive fuel economy.

The campaign largely avoided the issue of immigration, a topic that so inflames certain constituencies and so scrambles party distinctions that neither McCain nor Obama chose to discuss it much. Now that Election Day is behind us, Washington should again take up this issue. Liberals must acknowledge that our national security depends on stable borders; conservatives must concede that neither common sense nor basic decency allows us to cast out millions who came here illegally but now work and raise families and contribute to our national well-being. Bush wisely championed comprehensive immigration reform, but he could not win Congress' support. The new president and new Congress must complete that work.

Compounding those and other challenges is the central paradox of the office Bush has bequeathed his successor: Obama will assume a presidency made vastly more powerful by Bush, and he must cede that new authority to restore legitimacy to the position. Where the Bush administration used signing statements to make law and circumvent it at the same time, Obama must not. Where Bush authorized surveillance of Americans without warrants, Obama must not. Where Bush condoned the use of torture and the detention of suspected terrorists without trial or recourse to the courts, Obama must not. With his imperial presidency, Bush diminished Congress and the courts; it is time for a restoration of balance to our governing institutions.

Humility and modesty are guiding principles that befit a great power and a great leader. Bush has paid lip service to those ideals; Obama must honor them in fact, not merely in word.

For nearly two years, Americans have participated in a thrilling—and sometimes contemptuous—debate about which candidate and which ideas should guide this country through a dangerous, difficult present toward a more promising future. On Tuesday, we chose the president to lead that journey. Today, we embark, united again.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼78°	▲87° ▼78°	▲87° ▼78°	▲87° ▼78°	▲87° ▼78°

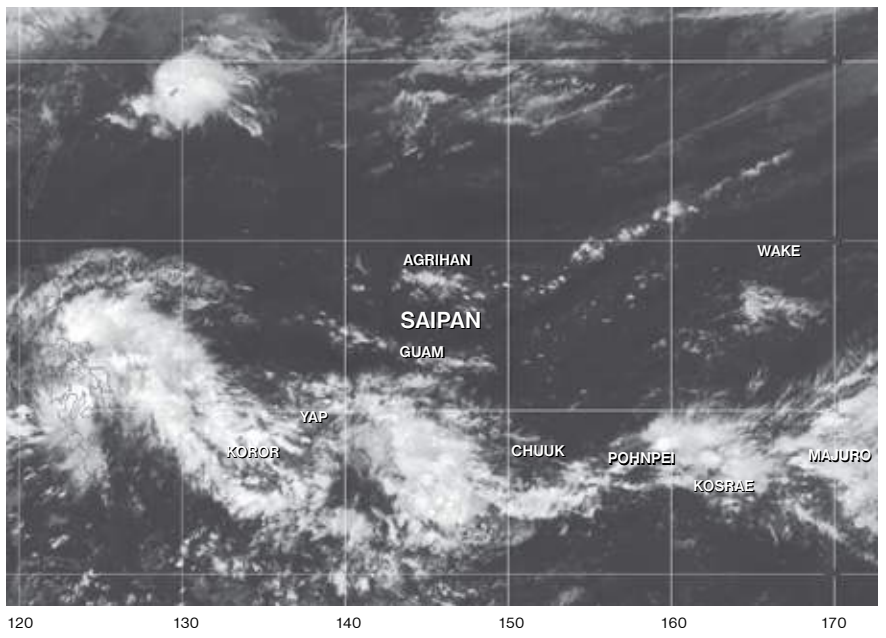
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲85	▼77
Palau	Thundershowers	▲85	▼78
Yap	Thundershowers	▲86	▼78
Chuuk	Thundershowers	▲88	▼77
Pohnpei	Thundershowers	▲86	▼75
Kosrae	Thundershowers	▲86	▼80
Majuro	Thundershowers	▲83	▼78

Around The Globe

Auckland	Mostly Cloudy	▲61	▼50
Beijing	Cloudy	▲57	▼34
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲86	▼75
Honolulu	Cloudy	▲82	▼72
London	Rain	▲54	▼43
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲84	▼56
Manila	Thundershowers	▲83	▼76
Melbourne	Showers	▲70	▼56
Miami	Showers	▲82	▼72
New York	Mostly Cloudy	▲69	▼51
Osaka	Showers	▲60	▼48
Paris	Showers	▲51	▼40
Pusan	Showers	▲62	▼50
Rome	Showers	▲62	▼48
Salem	Showers	▲61	▼49
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	▲64	▼54
Seoul	Cloudy	▲54	▼37
Tokyo	Showers	▲66	▼50
Washington, DC	Partly Sunny	▲70	▼52

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2008
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms across the Mariana Islands in two areas. One area is within 50 miles of a line from 15N140E to 13N149E and the other area is within 50 miles of a line from 18N145E to 19N149E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms from a disturbance near the Philippines are west of a line from 15N130E to 10N136E to 5N135E to 8N130E. This area includes Palau. Low-level convergence and upper-level divergence are producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms between Yap and Chuuk in an area from 2N to 11N between 139E to 149E. A surface trough over the Marshall Islands is causing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms from near Pohnpei and Kosrae across the Marshall Islands in an area from 8N158E to 13N175E to 10N180 to 1N175E back to 8N158E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

12:36AM Today	High Tide:	1.4 Feet
8:03AM Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
3:29PM Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
9:47PM Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:15AM	5:46 PM
Saturday	6:16AM	5:46 PM
Sunday	6:16AM	5:45 PM
Monday	6:17AM	5:45 PM
Tuesday	6:17AM	5:45 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	1:16PM	12:22AM
Saturday	1:53PM	1:13AM
Sunday	2:31PM	2:04AM
Monday	3:10PM	2:56AM
Tuesday	3:53PM	3:51AM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2008

DEPARTURES

Saipan-Rota

CO9597	11:50am	12:25pm	1,7

Saipan-Guam

CO9317	5:00am	5:50am	Daily
CO9313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily
CO9597	11:50am	1:20pm	1,7 via Rota
CO9601	12:30pm	1:20pm	2,3,4,5,6
CO9603	3:30pm	4:20pm	Daily
CO9605	6:30pm	7:20pm	Daily
CO9599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily

Saipan-Narita

NW 099	5:00am	7:40am	Daily
NW 078	8:25am	1:30pm	2,3,4,5,6,7
NW 075	4:55pm	7:30pm	Daily

Saipan-Osaka

NW 083	4:30pm	7:20pm	Daily

Saipan-Nagoya

NW 078	8:25am	11:05am	Daily

Saipan-Seoul

OZ 604	2:30am	6:20am	1
OZ 604	2:40am	6:30am	2,3,4,5,6,7
OZ 606	3:20pm	7:00pm	Daily

Saipan-Busan

OZ 608	3:50am	7:20am	1,4,5,7

Saipan-Shanghai

OZ 608	1:30am	4:30am	2,6

Rota-Guam

CO 9597	12:50pm	1:20pm	1,7

Guam-Manila

CO 893	5:50pm	9:10pm	3,5 via Koror
CO 933	8:00pm	9:40pm	Daily
PR 111	6:00am	7:50am	1,2,4,6,7

ARRIVALS

Rota-Saipan

CO 9598	3:25am	4:00am	5,6

Guam-Saipan

CO 9316	2:30am	3:20am	1,2,3,4,7
CO9598	2:30am	4:00am	5,6 via Rota
CO9596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
CO9600	10:20am	11:10am	Daily
CO9602	2:00pm	2:50pm	Daily
CO9604	5:00pm	5:50pm	Daily
CO9606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily

Narita-Saipan

NW 076	10:15am	2:40pm	Daily
NW 077	6:25pm	1:25am+1	2,3,4,5,6,7
NW 100	8:45pm	1:15am+1	Daily

Osaka-Saipan

NW 084	10:40am	3:10pm	Daily

Nagoya-Saipan

NW 077	9:00pm	1:25am+1	Daily

Seoul-Saipan

OZ 605	9:00am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ 603	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ 603	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1,2,3,4,5,6

Busan-Saipan

OZ 607	9:30pm	2:40am+1	3,4,6,7

Shanghai-Saipan

OZ 607	5:30pm	12:30am+1	1,5

Guam-Rota

CO 9598	2:30am	3:00am	5,6

Manila-Guam

CO 892	10:10pm	5:30am+1	3,5 via Koror
CO 934	11:10pm	4:40am+1	Daily
PR 110	10:10pm	4:00am+1	1,3,5,6,7

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FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota			
FRE 100	7:00am	7:30am	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 100	7:50am	8:20am	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 200	9:00am	9:30am	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 200	9:50am	10:15am	Daily
Guam-Rota			
FRE 300	4:00pm	4:30pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 300	4:50pm	5:25pm	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 400	6:00pm	6:30pm	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 400	6:45pm	7:15pm	Daily
Saipan-Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45am	6:55am	Daily
FRE 103	7:30am	7:40am	Daily
FRE 105	8:00am	8:10am	Daily
FRE 107	8:40am	8:50am	Daily
FRE 109*	9:10am	9:20am	Daily
FRE 111*	10:45am	10:55am	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 113	11:40am	11:50am	Daily
FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
FRE 123 *	5:40pm	5:50pm	Daily
FRE 125 *	6:00pm	6:10pm	Daily
Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**			
FRE 102	7:05am	7:15am	Daily
FRE 104	7:50am	8:00am	Daily
FRE 106**	8:20am	8:30am	Daily
FRE 108**	9:00am	9:10am	Daily
FRE 110	10:00am	10:10am	Daily
FRE 112	11:05am	11:15am	Daily
FRE 114	12:00pm	12:10pm	Daily
FRE 116	1:30pm	1:40pm	Daily
FRE 118	2:50pm	3:00pm	Daily
FRE 120**	4:20pm	4:30pm	Daily
FRE 122**	5:00pm	5:10pm	Daily
FRE 124	6:05pm	6:15pm	Daily
FRE 126	6:20pm	6:30pm	Daily

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Nominees for Education Day Awards

Barcinas, Taimanao, Narvaez are GTC's stars

Barcinas

Tawny Barcinas is the Teacher of the Year nominee for the Gregorio T. Camacho (GTC) Elementary School.

She is on her fourth year teaching at GTC Elementary as a fifth grade teacher. Barcinas is a conscientious and committed teacher who always prioritizes the needs of the students first. She said, "It's an honor to be given this kind of recognition and support from my students and colleagues. It boosts my confidence as a teacher and motivates me to continue to do better." The GTC Family is honored to have Barcinas as its Teacher of the Year.

From the Principal: Not only is teaching an art, but it is a calling and Ms. Tawny Barcinas has answered that call. Ms. Barcinas sets high expectations for her students and provides them with well rounded instruction focusing on academics, character development, and physical wellness. She challenges her students and goes beyond expectations to ensure that she meets all her students' needs. More importantly, she continues to reflect on her teaching and ways in which she can grow professionally. She's a team player with an optimistic attitude.

On behalf of the students, parents, teachers and staff of GTC Elementary School, we are honored to have you, Ms. Barcinas as our Teacher of the Year. We thank you for your exemplary work and the commitment you continue to demonstrate to our students and to GTC Elementary School."

Taimanao

Rose Sharon S. Taimanao is the Teacher-Aide of the Year nominee for the Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School. She has been with GTC for the past five years as its Chamorro-Carolinian Language Heritage Studies teacher aide. All the little binadus love her and is known by everyone as "Sinorita Taimanao." The students say that she is the best CCLHS teacher on the island! Sinorita Taimanao says, "I was truly touched and surprised to find out that I was chosen to represent GTC as the teacher-aide of the year for the school year 2008-2009." Despite the challenges of teaching a total of 7 classes daily on her own this year, she says that every day is rewarding. The GTC Family is proud to have Ms. Taimanao as our Teacher-Aide of the Year.

From the Principal: A dynamic teacher aide, Ms. Rose Taimanao gives it her 110 percent when it comes to her students. She is actively involved with CCLHS Academic Challenge Bowl and Forensic's competitions for 1st to 6th grade students, coaching interscholastic sports, and teaching our students cultural songs and dances. *Un dangkulo na si yuus ma'ase* and congratulations Ms. Rose Taimanao for your dedication and commitment and for the outstanding job you do for our students!

Narvaez

Ariel Narvaez is the Support Staff of the Year nominee for the Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School. He has been with GTC for four years. He says that he enjoys the school atmosphere at GTC. He rarely encounters any serious problems. The teachers are fun to work with and the students are great, he says. He said it is a great honor to be recognized for all his hard work. The GTC Family is happy to have Mr. Ariel as a valuable asset to our school.

From the Principal: GTC Elementary School is fortunate to have Mr. Ariel Narvaez as our one and only maintenance worker. He is an important contributor to our school success by ensuring that we have a clean and safe learning environment. He effectively manages his time to make sure that the school lawn, trees, and plants are manicured; the water pump and tanks, air conditioning units, bathrooms, and lightings are working adequately. He also assists in helping with school functions by building props for school competitions and builds cubbies and shelves for the classrooms. Although Mr. Ariel has a lot of responsibilities, he does his job exceptionally. Congratulations and thank you Mr. Ariel for your commitment and hard work to the students, parents, teachers, and staff of GTC Elementary School.

Enriquez, Sablan, and Muna are KagES nominees

By DEL-ELOISE MENDIOLA
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Every year, each public school recognizes its most diligent employees. The three categories in which employees are acknowledged are Teacher of the Year, Teacher Aide of the Year and Support Staff of the Year.

Enriquez

This year, Highly Qualified first grade teacher Elena Enriquez was voted Kagman Elementary School's Teacher of the Year.

When asked how she felt about being chosen as Teacher of the Year by her colleagues, Enriquez said, "I was of course surprised, excited and somewhat overwhelmed. I was happy! I love teaching kids and seeing them grow as individuals."

One advice she wishes to give students is "for them to keep working hard to become better students and be better citizens."

Sablan

Enriquez has taught at Kagman Elementary since the school opened eight years ago.

Rose Sablan, who has been working under the Special Education Program for the past six years, was voted KagES Teacher Aide of the Year.

"I was surprised! I didn't believe it! …I was probably chosen because I work so hard, my attendance is good, and I work well with the students."

She says she enjoys working with students with disabilities "because it's a learning opportunity. I have a niece with a disability and working with these students helps me better interact with her. At the end of the day, I go home with pride, knowing I helped students learn something new."

Muna

KagES Support Staff of the Year is Eladia Muna.

Muna claims she felt "nervous and shy" when she found out her colleagues had voted *her* Support Staff of the Year. "I wasn't sure if it was *really* me!"

From janitorial services to maintenance repairs, she is one of the school's most valuable employees, who devotes so much time and energy into getting the job done.

Muna is a supportive, humble individual who cares very much for each student's safety and well-being.

Hofschneider, Reiman, Babauta are Kagman High's nominees

By MARGIE CAMU
12TH GRADE

Kagman High School's "Teacher of the Year" is awarded to Lizabeth Hofschneider. "I was surprised when I found out. I never thought I would be teacher of the year," she says.

Hofschneider

Reiman

Babauta

She would like to tell her students to "continue to think about their dreams after high school. Whatever you do after high school, I would want you to succeed in whatever career you land on."

When asked if she enjoys what she does, she replied, "My goodness. I wouldn't still be here if I didn't enjoy it. I'm always excited to teach something new to my students everyday."

Hofschneider has been teaching for about 29 years. She attained her master's degree in secondary mathematics from the University of Southern Mississippi in 2003. She taught for two years in the Philippines, five years at Mount Carmel, three years at Marianas High School, 16 years at Tinian High School, and is going on her third year at Kagman High. Among many varieties of math, her main focuses are Algebra 1 and 2, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, and Trigonometry.

Teacher Aide of the Year is Lieta Reiman. She has been a teacher aide for about three years. She says she was "shocked" when she found out. "I never thought I would be chosen." She loves children and really enjoys what she does. This is one of the reasons why she wanted to become an educator.

Bernadita Babauta has been chosen as Support Staff of the Year. She is the Kagman High Registrar. She's been with the Ayuyus for four years. "I didn't expect to be SSOY because I had already been chosen before. I was very surprised and excited. It was a proud moment," she said. Babauta enjoys "interacting with students and working with colleagues."

Ayeras, Agulto are ChaCha's top teacher and teacher aide

By NAOMI BENJAMIN
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

ChaCha Oceanview Junior High School's Teacher of the Year nominee is none other than Dominador Ayeras.

Ayeras received his higher education in the Philippines, where he graduated at Araullo University in 1981, majoring in Construction Building. He chose this major because there was a need for construction workers at the time.

Ayeras

Agulto

Ayeras has been teaching for a total of 10 years. For the past four years he's been at ChaCha Oceanview and spent six years teaching at Rota High. When asked why he thought he was chosen as teacher of the year, he said because of the hard work he's rendered over a period of years. His late working hours and dedication to his job have finally paid off.

Ayeras enjoys what he does, knowing he's helped mold many students in their academics necessary to lead them in their path toward a bright and more successful future.

When he went to Rota as an engineer, there was a need for teachers, and he felt he could help. Knowing he could help out a little community is what inspired him to become an educator.

The Teacher Aide of the Year nominee was awarded to Gerald Masga Agulto.

Agulto graduated from Marianas High school with the class of 1993. He has been under the Special Education Program for about eight years now. He said he was surprised when chosen as Teacher Aide of the Year, because he didn't expect it.

Agulto enjoys helping kids with disabilities. He says it's very challenging, but having a son with a disability gives him more reason to help these kids. His inspiration to become an educator was his dad who used to be a teacher and a vice principal for over 30 years. Two of his siblings work in the field of education as well, and they, too, are his inspirations.

Tan Holdings complex get solar water heaters

By KRISTI EATON
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REPORTER

Future tenants at a soon-to-open apartment complex will be receiving free hot water, thanks to the sun.

Four 80-gallon Solahart tanks were recently installed atop a future Tan Holdings' apartment complex on Navy Hill.

KRISTI EATON

Triple J and Tan Holdings officials stand beside a Solahart tank. Four 80-gallon tanks have been installed on top of an apartment building on Navy Hill.

"We're the first commercial facility to use these. Tenants will enjoy free hot water normally on [the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s] meter," said Ivan Quichocho, Tan Holdings' corporate business developer. "It adds value to the facility and gives future tenants hot water, all compliments of Mother Nature."

Randy Steele, general manager of Triple J motors, which distributes the tanks in the CNMI, Guam and Micronesia, said Solahart tanks are the future.

"Ten years from now this is how the island will be," he said.

The tanks have two ceramic layers lining the interior. A sealed jacket surrounds the storage cylinder with the water inside. Pre-installed water surrounds the storage cylinder, which holds water from CUC, Steele said. Corroded CUC water is not used around the storage cylinder.

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"These are like the Cadillac SUV," he said, adding that they are expected to last 15 years.

The tanks are optimal for tropical climates like the CNMI, but Steele said hot water would be available even on cloudy days.

The tanks were developed in Australia and have been in Guam since the 1970s and 1980s, Steele said.

According to Solahart data, the tanks are estimated to save 50 to 80 percent of water heating consumption.

And with the current power rates, that can save commercial and residential customers a lot of money, Steele said.

"Obviously, with power going up, using electricity is not the economical way to do it," he said. "We live on an island, we should be the model. We should use our resources. It seems like a no-brainer opportunity."

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Shopping wish to come true for 13-year-old boy

TAMUNING, Guam—The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Guam is gearing up to grant its 174th wish this weekend to a young "man" from Saipan. Thirteen-year-old Franklin E. and his family will be in Guam to fulfill his wish for a shopping spree.

As any young teenager would want, Franklin hopes to pick up a few of the latest electronic gadgets as well as a few other things he likes.

Franklin and his family will be enjoying a wonderful stay in Guam courtesy of Hilton Guam Resort & Spa and was invited by event organizers RunTings Unlimited to be a special guest at the Music, Dance & Wishes II event featuring three dance crews from the hit MTV series *America's Best Dance Crew.*

The Make-A-Wish Foundation grants the wishes of children who have been diagnosed with a life-threatening medical condition to enrich the human experience with hope, strength, and joy. The Guam chapter has been in existence for 22 years servicing children throughout Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands. ***(PR)***

Chamber elects '09 board of directors

Members of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce elected the organization's 2009 officers and directors at its Nov. 5 general membership meeting.

Current president Jim Arenovski of Delta Management Corp. was elected to a second term, director Doug Brennan of Microl Toyota was elected vice president, and treasurer Mike Johnson of Deloitte and secretary Kathryn Barry of PTI were re-elected to their respective offices.

Arenovski

Brennan

Johnson

Barry

The three vacancies for directors at large were filled by newly-elected Mark Birmingham of Marianas Cablevision and current directors Steve Jang of Rainbow Color and David M. Sablan Sr. of Century Insurance. Current directors Alex Sablan of Saipan Shipping and Jay Santos of Triple J Saipan are in the middle of their terms on the board.

Chamber officers are elected for one-year terms and directors at large are elected for two-year terms.

Arenovski said: "This group of individuals will provide the strong leadership that the Chamber is going to need as the Commonwealth business community navigates the many challenges that face us in 2009, including the federal takeover of immigration matters, which will impact our tourism industry as well as our nonresident worker program. We are also facing another federally-mandated minimum wage increase and a local economy that is in an extended depression. I look forward to working with these board members to represent and to forward the interests of our business community."

He also reflected on the successes of the Chamber in 2008, describing the year as a busy and productive year for the board. "We accomplished a great deal and laid the foundation for further achievements in 2009."

In particular, Arenovski pointed to the relationships that the Chamber forged with federal officials with whom the Chamber leadership met numerous times both on Saipan and in Washington, D.C., concerning the federal takeover legislation and to the good working relationships the Chamber has developed with the local Legislature and administration.

Arenovski also highlighted the Chamber's accomplishments with respect to local educational issues. "This past year, we conducted a number of half-day sessions open to high school juniors and seniors to help them prepare to enter the workforce, we continued our tradition of awarding scholarships to some highly-qualified high school seniors who were heading to college, and we are looking at expanding the program to include trade school attendees for next year."

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce has approximately 160 members, ranging from individuals and small companies to some of the largest companies in the Pacific region. The Chamber regularly appears before and works with government agencies, elected officials, and other business and civic organizations to improve the business climate and economic and civic development of our islands. Today's Chamber not only promotes and protects business interests, but also works to promote the civic interests and general health and welfare of the Commonwealth community as a whole.

Aside from serving as an advocate for the business community, the Chamber annually awards college scholarship funds to deserving Commonwealth high school seniors; members have collectively hosted hundreds of visiting military personnel through the Invite-a-Sailor program; and its forums and workshops have educated and informed thousands of members and non-members on topics that affect businesses, the economy, and community. ***(SCC)***

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R08-008F	2006	CAMRY LE 4DR	AUTO	18576	BEIGE	ADN-161	15,999	
U08-043P	2000	CELICA 2DR	MANUAL	72097	BLUE	ABZ-838	7,999	
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The University of Guam's leadership recently signed an Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve/Department of Defense "Statement Of Support for the Guard and Reserve," joining other employers nationwide and on Guam, pledging to support the 1.3 million men and women members of the National Guard and Reserve. Pictured left to right are: Dr Luan Nguyen, director, Computer Center; Dr. Anita Borja Enriquez, dean, School of Business & Public Administration; Dr. Julie Ulloa-Heath, dean, Enrollment, Management and Student Services; Dr. Lee Yudin, dean, College of Natural & Agricultural Sciences; Dr. Helen Whippy, senior vice-president, Academic & Student Affairs; Norma Castillon, program administrator, ESGR Guam-CNMI Committee; Dr. Robert Underwood, president; Benny Paulino, chairman, ESGR Guam-CNMI Committee; Mr. Ray Taimanglo, Military Outreach Director, ESGR Guam-CNMI Committee; Mr. Carl Untalan, Volunteer, ESGR Guam-CNMI Committee; John Angoco, volunteer, ESGR Guam-CNMI Committee; Dr. Mary Spencer, dean, College of Language Arts & Social Sciences; David Hopkins, volunteer, ESGR Guam-CNMI Committee; and Dr. Patrick Leddy, acting dean, School of Education.

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Doctors Hoa Nguyen, Vincent Akimoto, Christina Manaloto and Johnny Lim Jr. from the American Medical Center, were each awarded an Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve/Department of Defense Patriot Award, nominated by Margaret Gogue, a member of the U.S. Air Force Reserve. The award recognizes American employers who provide outstanding patriotic support and cooperation to its employees. The doctors also signed an ESGR/DOD "Statement of Support for the Guard And Reserve." Pictured left to right are Nguyen, Akimoto, Gogue, Manaloto, Lim, and Capt. Josephine Blas, program administrator for the ESGR Guam-CNMI Committee.

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Glenn S. Baker, right, vice-president/operations manager for J.L. Baker & Sons, recently signed an Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve/Department of Defense "Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve." Baker is shown here with Ray Taimanglo, Military Outreach director, ESGR Guam-CNMI Committee.

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SWIMMERS UNITE!

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Members of the Saipan Swim Club conduct one of their adopt-a-beach activity, where they removed 120 lbs of marine debris from Forbidden Island. Here, the members pose for a group shot after the cleanup activity.

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Palms Resort Saipan hosts a pumpkin carving contest for Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School students at the resort's lobby as one of its Halloween events.

SURFER DUDE CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Surfer dude Christian Michael Songsong Demapan, front, son of Frank and Carol, poses with his friends at the American Memorial Park on Oct. 31, 2008, where they went trick-or-treating.

YOUNG SEERS

Students enrolled in Social Studies classes at Saipan Southern High School participate in a mock U.S. presidential election held Oct. 31, 2008. The results showed overwhelming support for Democratic candidate Barack Obama as the 44th president of the United States.

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MANUAL COUNT

Members of the Commonwealth Election Commission manually count the votes from Election District 2 in Kagman early Wednesday morning at the Multi-Purpose Center.

JAYVEE VALLEJERA

DELEGATE POLLS

Department of Public Safety Commissioner Santiago Tudela votes at San Vicente Elementary on Tuesday, Nov. 4.

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TOC funds landscaping on three medians

The Tournament of Champions recently donated $13,000 to landscape three medians on the island of Saipan as well as to do the monthly landscape maintenance on the Port to Path Walkway.

The medians are in Chalan Piao (between Hopwood Jr. High School and Mobile Service Station), Susupe Median (fronting Saipan World Resort & Joeten Shopping Center), and the Microl Median in San Jose.

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The newly landscaped median in Susupe fronting Saipan World Resort and Joeten Shopping Center.

"We host TOC every year for many reasons but our primary goal is to raise money for the Saipan Beautification Fund," says TOC chair Ben Babauta. "It is our distinct pleasure to donate $13,000 to support these worthwhile efforts to keep Saipan beautiful."

"I would like to also take this opportunity to thank each of the TOC sponsors and the players that allow us to raise money each year for to further enhance the beauty of our island," adds Babauta.

This year's TOC was the 13th year of the tournament on Saipan. Since its inception, TOC has given over $500,000 to the beautification fund. ***(PR)***

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KHS class teaches basic electronics

KRISTI EATON

Students in Benjie Ladringan's electronics class at Kagman High School pose with their instructor, left.

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Students in Benjie Ladringan's electronics class at Kagman High School are learning how to install cables and set up wireless Internet routers, so the students will have the knowledge to solve basic electrical problems in the future.

"Everybody owns an electronic device, like a cell phone or computer," he said. "Learning basic electronics will help every student solve basic problems like cable connections. This will help parents' and families, especially now that the economy is really slow."

Ladringan also teaches the students how to protect their electronic devices if there is a power outage.

He said the class would prepare students to take engineering courses after high school.

There are currently 48 students in three classes enrolled in the course. Students from 9th to 12th grade are able to take the class. The majority of students are in 9th grade.

Last year when the program started there were 40 students.

Ladringan said he appreciates KHS principal Alfred Ada in allowing him the opportunity to teach the class.

"I do like to thank our Principal, Mr. Alfred Ada, for giveing this subject a chance to work," he said.

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Local toddler shines in national pageant

MariaIssabella Josephina Camacho participated in the Pretty Little Princess Pageant on Sunday, Nov. 2, at the Marriott Quorum Hotel in Addison, Texas. Contestants range from the ages of 9 months to 10 years old. There were 185 contestants who participated.

The pageant itself was very rewarding. It gave the children the opportunity to go on stage and be themselves. Unlike other children's pageants, there were no stress on the participants to go above and beyond to prove their skills and beauty. Overall, it was a wonderful experience for both the parent and child.

MariaIssabella, who will turn 2 on Sunday, immediately engaged the audience and the judges when she was introduced by the master of ceremony. Upon being called to the stage, she excitedly yelled "Hi," smiling and waving to a crowd of about 250 attendees. Wearing a grass skirt to represent the Northern Mariana Islands for the Fun Wear Category, she was able to garner both the Best in FunWear and Best Personality Award.

MariaIssabella extends *un dangkulo na si yu'us ma'ase* to her family and friends both far and near who in one way or another gave her the support to participate in such wonderful event. ***(PR)***

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MariaIssabella Josephina Camacho walks off with the Best in FunWear and Best Personality Awards during the Pretty Little Princess Pageant held Sunday, Nov. 2, 2008, at the Marriott Quorum Hotel in Addison, Texas.

Saipan hosts 3-day Asia-Pacific Cursillo Encounter

The CNMI Cursillos in Christiantity is hosting the 20th Asia-Pacific Cursillo Encounter, which begins today, Nov. 6, and will last until Sunday, Nov. 9, at the Palms Resort Saipan.

Held every two years in different places in the Asia-Pacific region, Saipan hosts this year's event. The CNMI was chosen as the hosting area during the 19th Asia-Pacific Encounter in 2006 in Sydney, Australia.

The Cursillo Movement is a ministry within the Catholic Church that started in Spain in the early 1940s. The name *Cursillo*, which literally means "a short course," is associated with the three-day Weekend, which is only one aspect of the Cursillo Movement, where participants learn some basic courses in Christianity. Members of the Movement meet regularly for prayer, sharing, leadership modules and apostolic work.

Camacho

The first Cursillo Weekend in the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa took place on July 2-5, 1993, at the Korean Catholic Center. With the guidance of Bishop Tomas A. Camacho and lay volunteers from the CNMI and Guam, participation has grown to where there are more than 200 members of the Cursillo Movement at present in the CNMI.

The CNMI has hosted the Asia-Pacific Encounter once before. The 13th Asia-Pacific Encounter, held in 1999, drew various participants from all over the region. This year's encounter is expected to have 80 participants from Australia, Vietnam, Korea, Taiwan, Guam, and the CNMI. This gathering is an opportunity for the members to share with one another their faith journey as brothers and sisters in Christ. The theme for the 20th Asia Pacific Encounter is "Renewing our commitment: be a friend, make a friend, and bring a friend to Christ."

Welcoming liturgy scheduled today, Nov. 6, at 6pm at the Palms Resort presided by Bishop Camacho with the visiting clergy and clergy of the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa. First day of the encounter begins tomorrow, Nov. 7, where there will be a talk on the theme followed by group sharing and discussion.

On Sunday, Nov. 9, 2008, the last day of the Encounter, all participants will attend the 9am Mass at Mount Cathedral.

For information regarding registration, contact Linda Yarobwemal at 234-5053 or Rex Moses 287-4633. One may also contact Jess Elameto at 285-6938, acting president of the CNMI Cursillo Movement or the Cursillo spiritual director Rev. Fr. Ryan P. Jimenez, at 234-3000. ***(PR)***

Del. firm files identical complaint over tax issue

A Delaware limited liability company, through its CNMI managing member and tax matters partner Sunset Holdings LLC, filed Wednesday in federal court a complaint that is virtually identical to the one it previously filed against the U.S. government for allegedly making erroneous tax adjustments and assessing penalties.

Attorney Gregory J. Koebel, counsel for Claston LLC and Sunset Holdings, stated that he filed the duplicate complaint as a precautionary matter during the time period in which any partner may file a lawsuit.

Koebel said the U.S. has not yet answered the original complaint and that the Department of Justice indicated it did not have the file so it was unable to answer, requiring a 60-day extension.

The identical complaints asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to issue a judgment declaring that Claston, through Sunset Holdings, properly reported its 2002 transactions.

Koebel asked the court to determine that the adjustments, including penalties, made by U.S.A., are without basis and therefore incorrect. Koebel asked the court to rule that there is no additional tax owed by the company or any of its partners.

The complaints stated that U.S.A., through its Florida Office of the Internal Revenue Service, mailed to Hatteras Capital Management LLC, the former tax matters partner of Claston, a notice of Final Partnership Administrative Adjustments dated June 17, 2008.

FPAA alleged various erroneous partnership administrative adjustments for Claston's taxable year ending Dec. 31, 2002. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

OSHA expert to discuss how to make the workplace safer

The next meeting of the Society for Human Resource Management will feature a ranking official the CNMI Occupational Safety and Health Administration Office, who will discuss how businesses in the CNMI can improve on OSHA compliance standards.

OSHA project manager Deleon Guerrero will also be providing crucial information on the current OSHA programs that are available free of cost to all business owners.

By attending this session, local businesses will learn how to prevent occupational disasters. Business owners and management staff can also learn about the resources available that will help them provide a safe and healthy working environment and help cut accidents and expenses.

OSHA aims to ensure employee safety and health by working with employers and employees to create better working environments. OSHA's role is to ensure protective standards are followed and enforced as well as reaching out to employers and employees through various technical assistance and consultation programs.

The Chapter's next meeting will be held at Charley's Cabaret, Pacific Islands Club on Nov. 13, Thursday. Doors open at 11:15am for registration. Cost for members is $15 and $20 for non-SHRM members (government purchase orders accepted). Cost includes lunch. Reservations are requested.

Individuals interested in attending this meeting should contact Frannie T. Salas at e-mail francestsalas@gmail.com, Polly Deleon Guerrero at e-mail pollydlg@gmail.com, or Tommy Kennington at the Pacific Islands Club, Human Resources Office at 234-7976 or via email at hr@picsaipan.com.

The Society for Human Resource Management is the world's largest association devoted to human resource management. The CNMI Chapter is composed of human resource professionals from a variety of industries, large and small, who recognize a need for a local society for professionals in the human resource field. The CNMI Chapter is affiliated with the national organization. ***(SHRM)***

Red flag raised on Rota beach

The Division of Environment Quality has raised the red flag on the beach adjacent to the Mobil storm drain on Rota after samples collected showed excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria. DEQ advises the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of this location for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

In a statement, DEQ said that water samples collected from this site were found to contain concentrations of enterococci that exceed the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards.

DEQ analyzed samples of marine recreational and storm drainage water taken from 12 locations on Rota this week. DEQ welcomes all inquires as to quality of the beach water. The public is encouraged to contact DEQ at 664-8500 with any questions concerning this matter. ***(DEQ)***

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Business

Administration speeding up on economic problems

WASHINGTON (AP)—At a time when most administrations are slowing down, the Bush White House appears to be speeding up—at least when it comes to getting the $700 billion financial rescue program up and running.

Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, President Bush's point man on the gigantic program, is pushing his staff to do everything possible to show markets that the government is getting the money out the door to bolster the financial system and get banks to resume more normal lending.

On Wednesday, one day after Sen. Barack Obama won the presidency, the Treasury Department detailed how it planned to borrow a record $550 billion before the end of this year to back the bailout. Treasury said it would sell $55 billion in bonds next week, including a reintroduction of the three-year note—all part of a massive borrowing effort required because of the cost of the bailout and a budget deficit that some believe could hit nearly $1 trillion next year.

The government's surging financing needs are a stark reminder of the challenges awaiting Obama even as the current administration moves to implement its rescue program and the Fed fine-tunes its approach to the crisis.

The financial turmoil flared anew Wednesday with the Dow Jones industrial average plunging 486.01 points, or more than 5 percent, as investors absorbed more bad economic news with a report on the manufacturing sector showing that the segment of the economy where most Americans work had dipped into recession territory in October.

The selling carried over to Asia, where Japan's Nikkei stock average retreated 5.7 percent and Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index lost 6.7 percent in early trading Thursday.

Investors were braced for more bad news Thursday with the number of newly laid-off workers filing claims for unemployment benefits expected to remain around 480,000, a level that usually signals a recession.

Economists expect a separate report will show productivity slowed to a weak 0.8 percent rate of gain in the third quarter, far below the 2.8 percent increase in the second quarter. And they were looking for the slowdown in productivity to be accompanied by a rise in labor pressures with unit labor costs climbing at a rate of 2.8 percent, compared with the 0.5 percent rate of decline turned in during the second quarter.

And those reports were coming one day before the government was scheduled to report on unemployment for October, a report expected to show that the jobless rate shot up to 6.3 percent last month as businesses cut 200,000 workers from their payrolls, the 10th straight month of joblessness since January.

Stocks plunge anew as recession worries resurface

NEW YORK (AP)—A case of postelection nerves sent Wall Street plunging Wednesday as investors looked past Barack Obama's presidential election and returned to fears of a deep and protracted recession.

The Dow Jones industrials fell nearly 500 points, and all the major indexes tumbled more than 5 percent.

The slide ended the best stretch since the financial meltdown began in mid-September, following a run-up last week that lifted the Standard & Poor's 500 index more than 18 percent and gave the Dow its best weekly advance in 34 years. The market had been expected to give back some gains, however, and analysts had warned that Wall Street faced more turbulence.

"The market has really gotten ahead of itself and falsely priced in that this recession wasn't going to be as prolonged as thought," said Ryan Larson, head of equity trading at Voyageur Asset Management, a subsidiary of RBC Dain Rauscher. "Regardless of who won the White House, these problems are not going away.

"We're in a really bad recession, period," he said. "People are locking in profits and realizing we're not out of the woods."

Worries about the financial sector intensified after Goldman Sachs Group Inc. began notifying about 3,200 employees globally that they had lost their jobs as part of a plan to slash 10 percent of its work force.

The cuts were first reported last month. Goldman fell 8 percent, while other financial names also fell. Citigroup Inc. dropped 14 percent.

Commodities stocks also fell after steelmaker ArcelorMittal said it would slash production because of weakening demand. Its stock plunged 21.5 percent.

The market expected Obama to win the election, but as the session wore on, investors clearly worried about the weakness of the economy and pondered what the new administration might do.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Sources: Auto execs, UAW to meet with Pelosi

DETROIT (AP)—House Speaker Nancy Pelosi will sit down Thursday with the leaders of Detroit's automakers and their workers as the industry seeks federal funding needed to survive a dramatic downturn. Two people familiar with plans for the meeting said the top executives of General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler LLC, along with the union's president, will meet with Pelosi to talk about the impact of the credit crisis and the industry's access to government funding. She'll meet in Washington with Bob Nardelli of Chrysler, Alan Mulally of Ford, Rick Wagoner of GM and United Auto Workers President Ron Gettelfinger, the people familiar with the meeting plans said. The officials spoke on the condition of anonymity because the meeting is private. Pelosi has called for Congress to enact a stimulus program to shore up the sinking economy during its lame-duck session. News of the meeting came Wednesday as Detroit automakers and their allies in Congress said Barack Obama's victory could help U.S. automakers line up federal funding.

Without Google's help, Yahoo's options limited

SEATTLE (AP)—Without Google's muscle behind it, Yahoo's chances for digging out of a long slump are looking even poorer, making it appear more likely that the company will turn to Microsoft or AOL to help weather the economic downturn. Yahoo Inc., which runs the No. 2 search engine, agreed in June to let No. 1 Google Inc. sell some of the ads shown next to Yahoo's search results. The deal was intended as a lifeline for the struggling Internet pioneer after it spurned Microsoft's rich $47.5 billion takeover bid less than a month before. Now that Google has scrapped the Yahoo partnership rather than challenge the Justice Department over its antitrust objections to the deal, Yahoo is back where it began the year, scrambling to engineer a turnaround under a management team on shaky ground with shareholders. Except now, the climate is much worse. The crumbling economy is discouraging advertisers from spending online, particularly on the billboard-style display ads that are Yahoo's bread and butter. Sunnyvale, Calif.-based Yahoo, already adjusting, announced it would lay off 10 percent of its work force after profits plunged 64 percent in the most recent quarter.

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Obama picks Clinton alum chief of WH staff

WASHINGTON (AP)—President-elect Barack Obama pivoted quickly to begin filling out his new administration on Wednesday, selecting hard-charging Illinois Rep. Rahm Emanuel as White House chief of staff while aides stepped up the pace of transition work that had been cloaked in pre-election secrecy.

Several Democrats confirmed that Emanuel had been offered the job. While it was not clear he had accepted, a rejection would amount to an unlikely public snub of the new president-elect within hours of an electoral college landslide.

With hundreds of jobs to fill and only 10 weeks until Inauguration Day, Obama and his transition team confronted a formidable task complicated by his anti-lobbyist campaign rhetoric.

The official campaign Web Site said no political appointees would be permitted to work on "regulations or contracts directly and substantially related to their prior employer for two years. And no political appointee will be able to lobby the executive branch after leaving government service during the remainder of the administration."

But almost exactly one year ago, on Nov. 3, 2007, candidate Obama went considerably further than that while campaigning in South Carolina. "I don't take a dime of their money, and when I am president, they won't find a job in my White House," he said of lobbyists at the time.

Because they often have prior experience in government or politics, lobbyists figure as potential appointees for presidents of both parties.

On the morning after making history, the man elected the first black president had breakfast with his wife and two daughters at their Chicago home, went to a nearby gym and visited his downtown offices.

Aides said he planned no public appearances until later in the week, when he has promised to hold a news conference.

As president-elect, he begins receiving highly classified briefings from top intelligence officials Thursday.

In offering the post of White House chief of staff to Emanuel, Obama turned to a fellow Chicago politician with a far different style from his own, a man known for his bluntness as well as his single-minded determination.

Emanuel was a political and policy aide in Bill Clinton's White House. Leaving that, he turned to investment banking, then won a Chicago-area House seat six years ago. In Congress, he moved quickly into the leadership. As chairman of the Democratic campaign committee in 2006, he played an instrumental role in restoring his party to power after 12 years in the minority.

Emanuel maintained neutrality during the long primary battle between Obama and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, not surprising given his long-standing ties to the former first lady and his Illinois connections with Obama.

The day after the election there already was jockeying for Cabinet appointments.

Several Democrats said Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, who won a new six-year term on Tuesday, was angling for secretary of state. They spoke on condition of anonymity, saying they were not authorized to discuss any private conversations.

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In this June 6, 2008, file photo Rep. Rahm Emanuel, D-Ill., left, talks with Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama D-Ill., at a Chicago 2016 Olympic rally at Daley Center Plaza in Chicago.

Democrats urging McCain to help mediate standoffs

PHOENIX (AP)—Before resting from the grueling presidential race, John McCain began discussing with senior aides what role he will play in the Senate now that he has promised to work with the man who defeated him for president.

Democrats, who padded their majorities in the House and Senate, have a suggestion: McCain can mediate solutions to partisan standoffs on key legislation as he did to help avert a constitutional meltdown over judicial confirmations in 2005.

"There's a need for the old John McCain, a leader who worked in a bipartisan way," Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said Wednesday.

GOP leaders, never fond McCain's independent streak or blunt style, nonetheless are reaching out to keep him in the fold and keep Republican ranks as robust as possible during the next Congress, two knowledgeable GOP officials said on condition they not be named because the conversations were private.

One obvious focus will be the war in Iraq. After two years spent more on the campaign than in the Senate, McCain will return as the ranking Republican on the Armed Services Committee. That will put the four-term Arizona senator in a position to influence Democrat Barack Obama's plan to set a timetable to withdraw U.S. troops from combat in Iraq.

"That would be good," Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., said in a telephone interview. "I would love to see McCain work with President Obama in dealing with Iraq in a way that Republicans and Democrats could agree on."

During the campaign, McCain staunchly opposed setting such a time frame, even as the Iraqi government began working with the Bush administration to do so.

But in conceding the presidency to Obama Tuesday night at a Phoenix hotel, McCain pledged "to do all in my power to help him lead us through the many challenges we face."

He allowed that defeat was disappointing but said that starting Wednesday "we must move beyond it and work together to get our country moving again."

Aides said they believed McCain would work well with Obama as president because much of his best work in the Senate had been done with Democrats, including a landmark campaign finance law he crafted with Wisconsin Sen. Russ Feingold and an unsuccessful effort with Massachusetts Sen. Edward M. Kennedy to pass comprehensive immigration reform.

The day after Election Day quickly returned McCain to something much closer to normal life. After months of travel on his campaign bus or plane, McCain and his wife, Cindy, drove themselves to Starbucks for coffee near their Phoenix condominium.

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The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals for the Design and Construction of the Saipan International Airport Emergency Power Upgrade on the Island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. It is the intent of CPA to expedite complete construction of this project.

A CD-Rom containing the scope of work and proposal package will be available on Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at the Office of the Acting Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($100.00)** for each CD-Rom. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held for this project at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12, 2008, at the CPA Airport Conference Room. All questions prior to the pre-proposal conference must be submitted in writing to Mr. Ignacio L. Perez, Acting Executive Director or faxed to (670) 234-5962, no later than 4:30 p.m., Monday, November 10, 2008.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for the Saipan International Airport Emergency Power Upgrade, Design/Build Services". One original and four (4) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than **4:30 P.M. LOCAL TIME, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2008**, to the Office of the Acting Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport.

The offerer shall submit with their proposal the following:

1. Letter of interest
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3. D-B Construction Team
4. Related past project performance (include commendations or certifications if available)
5. Design and Construction Timeline
6. Available resources to accomplish the project
7. Cost proposal (in itemized SOW format)
8. Valid CNMI Business License

Proposers shall also submit a separate statement of qualifications which should include résumés and experience of personnel that will be directly in charge of the project. Note that either party of the design consultant/contractor team that submits a proposal cannot submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, only subcontractors may be included in multiple proposals by different design/build teams.

Project approach, timeline and cost must be within the parameters of the established Statement of Work (SOW). Any deviation from the SOW, a proposal based on reduced SOW or a proposal that exceeded what is required by the SOW, will be grounds for immediate disqualification of the offeror's proposal package.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations Section 3.6. Proposals will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

1.	Total cost for design and construction	30%
2.	Qualifications of the principal(s) and assigned staff	20%
3.	Experience of the firm on similar or related projects	20%
4.	D-B Construction time frame	15%
5.	Project Approach	15%

The Project is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of proposals. CPA reserves the right to hold the contract award for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of receipt of proposals. Award of a contract is contingent upon prior approval from FAA.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a proposal bond issued by a U.S. Treasury listed surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total proposal amount. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.
All responses to this RFP shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for the project, including excise tax. Proposers shall also include performance and payment bonds premium (payment and performance issued by a U.S. treasury listed bonding company) required for this project. Performance bond shall be extended to cover the warranty period of the project.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ MR. IGNACIO L. PEREZ
Acting Executive Director

Date: November 3, 2008

Minnesota Senate race heads into automatic recount

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP)—A slugfest for nearly two years, Minnesota's U.S. Senate race headed into a new round Wednesday as the campaigns girded for an automatic statewide recount to determine whether Republican Sen. Norm Coleman's bare lead over Democratic challenger Al Franken would stand.

Coleman declared himself the winner of Tuesday's election, but Franken said he would let the recount play out, hoping it would erase the incumbent's 475-vote lead out of nearly 2.9 million ballots. State officials said the recount wouldn't start until mid-November and would probably take weeks.

If he hangs on, Coleman would be among the Republicans who survived Democratic gains in Senate races nationwide. Democrats ousted two Republican incumbents and picked up three seats held by retiring GOP incumbents. Three other Republicans besides Coleman were trying to hang on in races too close to call.

"Yesterday the voters spoke. We prevailed," Coleman said Wednesday at a news conference. He noted Franken could opt to waive the recount.

"It's up to him whether such a step is worth the tax dollars it will take to conduct," Coleman said, telling reporters he would "step back" if he were in Franken's position. Secretary of State Mark Ritchie said the recount would cost 3 cents per ballot, or almost $90,000.

As counties and Ritchie's office reconciled their unofficial vote totals Wednesday, Coleman's margin fluctuated but was at 475 votes Wednesday afternoon: Coleman had 1,211,642 votes, or 41.99 percent of the total votes cast, while Franken had 1,211,167 votes, or 41.98 percent.

Dean Barkley of the Independence Party was third with 15.16 percent.

State law provides for automatic recounts in races decided by a half-percentage point or less.

"We won't know for a little while who won the race, but at the end of the day we will know the voice of the electorate is clearly heard," Franken said Wednesday. "This has been a long campaign, but it is going to be a little longer before we have a winner."

Franken said his campaign was looking into reports of irregularities in Minneapolis, where some voters had trouble registering, though he didn't elaborate.

"We'll all have to be vigilant and work together to complete this recount successfully," his attorney, David Lillehaug, said.

Coleman said he had hoped that "the healing process would begin today" but indicated he would nonetheless begin preparations for a second term.

"My focus from here on out is giving Minnesotans the leadership they deserve in these challenging times," Coleman said.

Ritchie, a Democrat, said a recount wouldn't begin until Nov. 19 and could stretch into December. It would involve hand counts by local election officials from around the state, and lawyers from both campaigns would be allowed to observe.

AP

Sen. Norm Coleman, R-Minn., claims victory in his reelection bid as his wife Laurie, left, looks on during a news conference Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2008 in St. Paul, Minn.

Gay activists jarred by California marriage defeat

LOS ANGELES (AP)—In a heartbreaking defeat for the gay-rights movement, California voters put a stop to gay marriage, creating uncertainty about the legal status of 18,000 same-sex couples who tied the knot during a four-month window of opportunity opened by the state's highest court.

Passage of a constitutional amendment against gay marriage—in a state so often at the forefront of liberal social change—elated religious conservatives who had little else to cheer about in Tuesday's elections. Gay activists were disappointed and began looking for battlegrounds elsewhere in the back-and-forth fight to allow gays to wed.

"There's something deeply wrong with putting the rights of a minority up to a majority vote," said Evan Wolfson, a gay-rights lawyer who heads a group called Freedom to Marry. "If this were being done to almost any other minority, people would see how un-American this is."

Legal skirmishing began immediately, with gay-rights groups challenging the newly passed ban in court Wednesday and vowing to resist any effort to invalidate the same-sex marriages that took place following the state Supreme Court decision in May.

106-year-old Atlanta woman basks in Obama tribute

ATLANTA (AP)—At age 106, Ann Nixon Cooper doesn't usually stay awake past midnight. But on Election Night she had special reason to do so: She was waiting for Barack Obama to mention her name. Cooper, one of the oldest voters for the nation's first black president, had been tipped off by the Obama campaign that she would be mentioned in his acceptance speech. Toward the end, she got her moment.

"I was waiting for it," said Cooper. "I had heard that they would be calling my name at least."

Obama introduced the world to a woman who "was born just a generation past slavery; a time when there were no cars on the road or planes in the sky; when someone like her couldn't vote for two reasons—because she was a woman and because of the color of her skin."

"Tonight, I think about all that she's seen throughout her century in America—the heartache and the hope; the struggle and the progress; the times we were told that we can't, and the people who pressed on with that American creed: Yes we can," he said.

AP

Ann Nixon Cooper, 106, listens to a reporter's question during interview Atlanta home, Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2008.

In state legislatures, Democrats build on majority

By ROBERT TANNER
AP NATIONAL WRITER

The wave of enthusiasm for Barack Obama and Democrats reshaped control of state legislatures, leaving Democrats in control across nearly the entire Northeast and deepening the partisan divide across the country.

Democrats expanded their one-party control from 23 states to 27 states, while Republicans held steady at 14 states, according to preliminary results.

It was the third election cycle in a row that showed benefits for Democrats. But even with the shift of control, the National Conference of State Legislatures estimated Democrats would not pick up many legislative seats overall.

"We're as polarized as we've been in 25 years at the legislative level. After really an era of parity, now we're seeing more polarization," said Tim Storey, elections expert at the NCSL. "There will be some Obama coattails, but they will not be substantial in terms of seats."

Republicans gained in states where Obama fared poorly. In Oklahoma and Tennessee, the GOP won historic control in both legislatures. In Montana, where results were not final, Republicans appeared to take control of one chamber and hoped for at least a tie in the other.

The number of split states fell to 7. Nebraska is unicameral.

The outcome of elections in 44 states for legislatures—some are still unknown, with final tallies or recounts still pending—will help craft the domestic policy closest to voters and set the stage for the redrawing of congressional districts.

Democrats took the New York Senate, giving them control of the Legislature and the governor's office for the first time since 1935. They also now dominate in Delaware, and appear to have held off GOP efforts in Maine and Pennsylvania, though some races remain close. The latest Associated Press count put the Democratic edge in the Pennsylvania House at 101-99, with three races still undecided.

If the lead holds, that would give Democrats the entire East Coast north of Virginia, with the lone GOP holdout the Pennsylvania Senate.

ELECTION BRIEFS

Dems, GOP, already targeting 2010 gov races

Their majority of gubernatorial seats larger by one, Democrats are taking aim at key states in 2010, including California, Minnesota and Connecticut. Republicans, who successfully re-elected four incumbents on an election night of big GOP losses elsewhere, want to win back Kansas, Ohio and Pennsylvania, among others. At stake is control over the redrawing of legislative and congressional maps and the chance to influence the 2012 presidential election through governors' bully pulpits and fundraising machines. At the end of an Election Day in which 11 governorships were decided, eight incumbents were re-elected, split evenly between the two parties. Democrats won the three governors' posts where no incumbent was running, and flipped one of those - Missouri - from Republican to Democratic hands. But Tuesday's results gave both parties reason to be optimistic about 2010. ***(AP)***

This time, election system worked. But why?

After all that fuss, the system worked. There was no meltdown, no flurry of lawsuits, no statewide demands for a presidential recount. So does that mean America's voting machinery is finally fixed? And why did it work so well under record-setting turnout? "Panic," said Doug Lewis, who heads Election Center, a nonprofit that works with voting officials across the country. "Everyone involved in conducting elections was just on pins and needles the entire year. Overplanning really helped." There were extra precautions in nearly every precinct. In some areas, helicopters stood by to deliver touch-screen machines if extras were needed. Ballot orders were also increased. The Election Assistance Commission, the federal agency that oversees voting systems and distributes money to improve them, recommended that local jurisdictions recruit twice as many poll workers as in previous elections. "Election officials went to extraordinary lengths to have not only a Plan A, but a Plan B and a Plan C," Lewis said. In the end, there were a few hiccups—some machines were slow to start up, and voter rolls were missing some names. But for the most part, the system functioned well. ***(AP)***

World

Russia to deploy short-range missiles near Poland

MOSCOW (AP)—Russia will deploy short-range missiles near Poland to counter U.S. military plans in Eastern Europe, President Dmitry Medvedev warned Wednesday, setting a combative tone that clashed with global goodwill over Barack Obama's election.

In his first state of the nation speech, Medvedev blamed Washington for the war in Georgia and the world financial crisis and suggested it was up to Washington to mend badly damaged ties.

Medvedev also proposed increasing the Russian presidential term to six years from four—a change that could deepen Western concern over democracy in Russia and play into the hands of his mentor, Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, who has not ruled out a return to the Kremlin.

Medvedev

Extending the presidential term could mean a possible 12 more years in the top office for the popular Putin.

Echoing Putin, who made criticism of Washington and the West a hallmark of his two-term, eight-year presidency, Medvedev used the speech in an ornate Kremlin reception hall to cast Russia as a nation threatened by encroaching American military might.

"From what we have seen in recent years—the creation of a missile defense system, the encirclement of Russia with military bases, the relentless expansion of NATO—we have gotten the clear impression that they are testing our strength," Medvedev said.

He signaled Moscow would not give in to Western calls to pull troops from Georgia's breakaway regions of Abkhazia and South Ossetia, or rescind its recognition of their independence following the August war.

"We will not retreat in the Caucasus," he said, winning one of many rounds of applause during the televised 85-minute address.

Taiwan leader: Meeting with China envoy successful

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)—Amid rowdy street protests, Taiwan's leader shook hands and exchanged gifts Thursday with the most senior Communist Chinese official to visit the island. He later declared the trip a success but acknowledged that major disputes still exist between the rivals.

Taiwanese President Ma Ying-jeou met the Chinese envoy, Chen Yunlin, at a government guesthouse for five minutes. The historic meeting came five hours earlier than planned to avoid chaotic demonstrations by Taiwan independence groups that threatened to lay siege to the capital.

Ma praised a landmark agreement signed Tuesday that many believe will greatly ease tensions between Taiwan and China. The deal increases aviation and shipping links. It also included measures for better cooperation with food safety issues.

The two sides decided to hold high-level talks every six months and tackle financial issues in the next meeting.

But Ma added, "We can't deny that there still exists differences and challenges, especially regarding Taiwan's security and international status."

Chen has drawn daily protests since his five-day trip began Monday. On Wednesday, nearly 1,000 protesters surrounded blocked Chen from leaving a banquet dinner at a hotel until well past midnight.

WORLD BRIEFS

Himalayan nation of Bhutan crowns its 5th king

THIMPHU, Bhutan (AP)—The tiny Himalayan nation of Bhutan has crowned it's 5th king in an elaborate Buddhist ceremony. On Thursday morning, King Jigme Singye Wangchuck placed the Raven Crown on the head of his son, 28-year-old Jigme Khesar Namgyal Wangchuck, giving him the title of Druk Gyalpo, or Dragon King. The festivities, symbolizing the strength of the monarchy, are seen as a deeply reassuring moment for the last independent Himalayan Buddhist kingdom. Once one of the most cutoff, tightly controlled places on earth, the country is now slowly opening up to the uncertainties of modernity and vagaries of democracy.

Son of Osama bin Laden loses asylum bid in Spain

MADRID, Spain (AP)—Spain rejected an asylum request from a son of Osama bin Laden on Wednesday after deciding he had not met the conditions necessary for him to remain. Omar Osama bin Laden, 27, flew to Spain earlier this week and remains in a transit area at Madrid's Barajas Airport, an Interior Ministry official said. He has 24 hours to appeal the government's decision. "The Interior Ministry has not accepted the request for asylum because this does not meet the conditions necessary for entering Spain," the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity in line with government policy. The official would not elaborate or discuss the younger bin Laden's reasons for seeking asylum.

Israel airstrike imperils Gaza truce with Hamas

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP)—Israel and Gaza's Hamas rulers scrambled Wednesday to contain fallout from the worst fighting since a truce was declared five months ago, but a flare-up later in the day threatened to unravel it anew. Gaza militants pounded southern Israel early Wednesday with dozens of rockets to avenge raids a day earlier that killed six militants, but the guns quickly fell silent with neither side appearing to have much to gain from renewed hostilities. "We have no intention of violating the quiet," Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak said on a tour of areas bordering Gaza. "But in any place where we need to thwart an action against Israeli soldiers and civilians, we will act." Hamas spokesman Fawzi Barhoum said the group fired deep into Israel to demonstrate the price of continued aggression. At the same time, he said, Hamas had contacted Egyptian mediators to find ways of keeping the truce intact. But late Wednesday night, Israel launched annother airstrike, killing a Palestinian militant in northern Gaza. The army said it was targeting a rocket launcher, whom the Islamic Jihad group identified as its own. The group had fired two rockets at the Israeli border town of Sderot and one of its leaders, Khader Habib, declared the truce over.

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CPA Board of Directors

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Commonwealth Ports Authority hereby gives notice that a Special Meeting of the CPA Board of Directors will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2008, 10:00 a.m. at the CPA Conference Room, Second Floor, Captain George F. Fleming Building at the Port of Saipan, Saipan.

The following items are on the agenda, for the above-referenced meeting:

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

III. SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
1. Tinian Harbor Emergency Repairs A/E and CM Amendments 1 and 2
2. SIA Apron Conversion Phase 3 Project - Amendment No. 6

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

V. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items.

JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Chairman, Board of Directors

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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
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Head Start Policy Council Agenda

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Head Start Policy Council hereby gives notice that it will have a meeting on November 13, 2008 (Thursday) from 11:30 am -3:30 pm at the Napu Room, Pacific Islands Club, San Antonio, Saipan.

I. Preliminary Matters
- a. Roll Call
- b. Quorum
- c. Adoption of Agenda
- d. Adoption of Minutes
  - i. October 8, 2008

II. Monthly Program Report
- a. Director
- b. Managers

III. Monthly Financial Status Report

IV. Updates
- a. Capital Improvement Projects (2007-2008 Program Improvements)
- b. Human Resources

V. Old Business
- a. Appointment of Standing Committees
  1. Personnel
  2. Education
  3. Executive
  4. Finance
  5. Public Relations
- b. Confirmation of Community Representatives to the HPC

VI. New Business
- a. Approval to Reprogram Funds to Equipment
- b. Approval of the 6th Amendment to the Organizational Chart

VII. Next Meeting

VIII. Adjournment

Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)7, the Council may vote to meet in Executive Session.

This meeting is open to the public, interested individuals are welcomed to attend. Any person(s) requiring special accommodations may contact Ms. Candace Quitugua at 664-3751.

Mr. Vinson Sablan
Chairperson

Commonwealth Zoning Board Meeting Agenda

Thursday, November 13, 2008
6:00 PM, CRM Conference Room, Morgen Building, San Jose, Saipan

A. Preliminary Matters
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes
5. Communications

B. Reports
1. Chairman
2. Secretary
3. Treasurer
4. Administrator
5. Committees
6. Legal Counsel

C. Public Hearings
1. Conditional Use: 2008-1530 Kan Pacific Baseball Field
2. Big Bang Enterprise: Notice of Violation 2007-1020

D. Contested Cases: None

E. Permits and related actions: review and decide
1. 2008-0908 A. Vekhov, preliminary plat, lot TR 2045/08 and TR 2044/08
2. 2008-1197 Jesus G. Villagomez final plat, lot H34NEW

F. Old Business
1. Review and approve amendments (rezones) to the Official Saipan Zoning Maps.
   - a. Map 13. Rezone RU and VR to VC, various lots.
   - b. Map 19. Rezone VR to MC, Lots 409-1-1 and 409-1-R1, File 2008-1497
   - c. Map 20. Rezone PR to TR, Lots 030 H 01, 02, 03; Rezone VR to VC, various lots
   - d. Map 24. Rezone VC to TR, Lots 006 H 35, 36, 37, 38; Rezone VC to TR Lots 008 H 31, 33, 36, 37; Rezone VR to VC, various lots
   - e. Map 27. Rezone VR to VC, Lot 005 I 328

G. New Business
1. Review new rezone proposals and approve advertising for public comment.

H. Executive (Closed) Session - Consult with Legal Counsel regarding pending or anticipated legal matters

I. Miscellaneous
1. Other Matters
2. Announcements
3. Next Meeting

J. Adjourn

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Kan Pacific Saipan Ltd. Baseball Field

The public is invited to provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on Conditional Use Permit Application, No. 2008 - 1530, by Kan Pacific Saipan Ltd. The application is for the construction of a baseball field on lot# 003 A 15 in Marpi.

Date:	**Thursday, November 13, 2008**
Time:	**6:30 pm**
Place:	**CRM Conference Room, 1st Floor, Morgen Building, San Jose**

The conditional use application may be viewed at the Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Building, DanDan, Saipan. Comments on the project may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may also be submitted in writing to the Zoning Office but they must be received at the Zoning Office by 4:30 pm, November 13, 2008. Written comments may be submitted via e-mail to staff@zoning.gov.mp, via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or delivered to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, DanDan, Saipan.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please contact Therese Ogumoro at 234-9662/ 9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & Division 3 of Title 10 CMC). /s/ Henry S. Hofschneider, Chair.

Off The Wall

Determined Texas woman, 92, votes in ambulance

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—Betty Owen is 92 and after a stroke four years ago, needs a feeding tube and can't walk. But she was determined not to miss Tuesday's election. She arrived at her polling place on a gurney in an ambulance, where an election judge and support worker climbed aboard with an electronic voting machine and let her cast her ballot.

"And you have voted," precinct judge Sam Green said after Owen pushed the red button finalizing her choices. "You know, you look so pretty in that red dress."

Owen grinned, the San Antonio Express-News reported in Tuesday's online edition.

Her daughter arranged for the ambulance ride at the last minute after Owen failed to get an absentee ballot.

Owen, a Marine Corps veteran who served in World War II, cast her first ballot for Wendell Willkie, a Republican running against Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1940.

She became a Democrat after voting for John Kennedy in 1960. She cast a straight Democratic ballot Tuesday.

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB09-016 (A) (B)

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: NOVEMBER 25, 2008
TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"PURCHASE OF FOUR (4) LAPTOPS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH HEALTH CENTER"

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE DR., SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

PREFERENCE IS AVAILABLE TO U.S. CITIZENS OR PERMANENT RESIDENTS AS PER PUBLIC LAW 15-95 AND AS FURTHER AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW 15-118 AND MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE PROPOSAL IF PREFERENCE IS CLAIMED.

/s/ JOSEPH K.P. VILLAGOMEZ
SECRETARY OF HEALTH

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

Northern Mariana Islands Bar Examination

The Northern Mariana Islands Bar Examinations (MBE, MPT, and Essay) will be administered on Wednesday, February 25, 2009 and Thursday, February 26, 2009. Interested applicants may obtain the application form and necessary information from the Bar Administrator by calling telephone no. (670) 236-9800, visiting the judiciary's website at http://www.justice.gov.mp or by writing to P.O. Box 502165, Saipan, MP 96950.

All applications and required fees must be submitted to the Bar Administrator no later than December 26, 2008.

Dated this 7th day of November, 2008.

/s/ **NORA V. BORJA**
Bar Administrator

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Teen compacted in Wis. garbage truck, survives

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Police in Milwaukee say a teenage boy has survived after being accidentally dumped into the back of a recycling truck and compacted. Police say the 14-year-old ran away from a boot camp-style school for teens Monday and hid in a recycling bin filled with cardboard. The bin was picked up by a Waste Management truck and dumped into the vehicle's rear compactor. Waste Management spokeswoman Lynn Morgan says the truck continued on its collection route, compacting cardboard several times. The boy wasn't discovered until the truck dumped its load at a recycling processing center. He was semiconscious and was taken to a hospital, but police say his injuries aren't life-threatening.

Boxers or briefs? Dallas thief picks 130 panties

DALLAS (AP)—A man has proven that you can never have too much underwear when he stole more than 130 pairs of panties from a Victoria's Secret store. The Dallas Morning News reported online Tuesday that a man snatched $1,067 worth of underwear from a table at the Dallas store Monday. A police report says a female accomplice held open the door during the theft and both sped away in a green car. The report did not indicate what styles or sizes were stolen.

Son allegedly attacks mom in MySpace altercation

HAYDEN, Idaho (AP)—An 18-year-old Hayden, Idaho, man was accused of stabbing his mother after she forbade him to use the Internet social networking site MySpace. The man was arrested last week for investigation of aggravated assault after his mother said he cut her wrist. The mother said she confronted her 6-foot-2, 320-pound son, after which he became aggravated and packed his belongings to leave their home. Police said he pulled a black and silver knife from his pocket as his mother tried to take his cellular telephone charger from him. The man rode off on his bicycle but was later detained by police. He was released from Kootenai County Jail on Monday.

Ark. woman arrested for huffing asks for can back

FORREST CITY, Ark. (AP)—Police arrested a woman for public intoxication after she reportedly demanded an officer return the can of compressed air she was inhaling "so she could finish getting high." Officers arrested the 46-year-old woman on Monday after officers received a call about a woman "huffing a can of air" inside a car parked at a Wal-Mart store. Police say the woman was slow to react to questions from officers. When the officer again asked her what she was doing, he said "she wouldn't say anything except that she wanted her can back so she could finish getting high," according to police. The woman was booked on the charge and later released.

Man accused in cold cut caper at Idaho store

BOISE, Idaho (AP)—A Boise man has been charged with four counts of felony burglary after police accused him of stealing more than $1,000 worth of meat from a local grocery store. Boise police officials said the man stole the meat from an Albertsons grocery on four separate visits since Sept. 6. The investigation began when loss prevention officials at the store contacted police to say they'd seen the man ham-handed, filling up a shopping basket with packaged meat and walking out without paying. Police spokeswoman Lynn Hightower said Wednesday that the police report did not indicate the specific type or cut of meat. The 45-year-old man was expected to make his first court appearance this week. Felony burglary is punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

Alleged drunk driver thinks he's driving his car

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP)—A North Pole man was surprised when police accused him of stealing a car from a gentleman club in Fairbanks. The man, 27, explained to officers that he was in his Chevy Cavalier. The only problem, police said, was that he was behind the wheel of a Ford Escort. Police charged the man with auto theft, felony driving under the influence and misdemeanor drugs misconduct Police said his blood-alcohol content was .166, more than twice the legal limit. According to court documents, the man swore he had no memory of taking a vehicle that didn't belong to him.

Jogger runs mile with rabid fox locked on her arm

PRESCOTT, Ariz. (AP)—Authorities in Arizona say a jogger attacked by a rabid fox ran a mile with the animal's jaws clamped on her arm and then drove herself to a hospital. The Yavapai County sheriff's office said the woman told deputies she was on a trail near Prescott on Monday when the fox attacked and bit her foot. She said she grabbed the fox by the neck when it went for her leg but it bit her arm. The woman wanted the animal tested for rabies so she ran a mile to her car with the fox still biting her arm, then pried it off and tossed it in her trunk and drove to the Prescott hospital. The sheriff's office says the fox later bit an animal control officer. He and the woman are both receiving rabies vaccinations.

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER OF SALE IN DEED OF TRUST

HERMAN M. GUERRERO aka Herman M. Deleon Guerrero and Asunta T. Guerrero aka Asunta T. Deleon Guerrero (collectively "Trustor"), on or about July 18, 1983, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on July 18, 1983, under Document No. 17740 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Tract number 20472-9, and containing an area of 926 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on drawing/cadastral plat number 2064/82, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as document number 14154, on the 26th day of March, 1982.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on September 5, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on November 14, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$64,730.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Mr. Manuel A. Sablan, Chairman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **November 13, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than November 13, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$64,730.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 14th day of October, 2008.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director

Inquiries may be directed to Mr. Joshua T. Sasamoto, Corporate Director, at 234-6866/7689 for more information.

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LOT NO. 017 H 18 (FORMERLY BLOCK 66 LOT 3) AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEY'S OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 017 H 00 DATED FEBRUARY 17, 1971.

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER OF SALE IN DEED OF TRUST

BRADLEY JOHN TOVES ATALIG aka LARRY JOHN TOVES ATALIG and NANETTE E. ATALIG (collectively "Trustor"), on or about September 20, 2001, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on October 2, 2001, under Document No. 01-2166 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 347 R 96, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 827 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEY'S OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 347 R 07, DATED DECEMBER 9, 1993, COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S FILE NO. 93-4282, DATED DECEMBER 9, 1993, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on September 12, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on November 14, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$52,680.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Mr. Manuel A. Sablan, Chairman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **November 13, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than November 13, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$52,680.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 14th day of October, 2008.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director

Inquiries may be directed to Mr. Joshua T. Sasamoto, Corporate Director, at 234-6866/7689 for more information.

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Science & Technology

Amazon tries to take window shopping online

NEW YORK (AP)—Shopping online can be great for bargain hunting, but it's not usually thought of as a feast for the senses. A new Amazon.com Inc. site is trying to change this, though, by showcasing some items in a multimedia setting.

The online retailer quietly rolled out Windowshop.com in mid-September, and is updating the site each Tuesday with new, best-selling and hand-picked products.

Visitors are encouraged to use the arrow keys on their keyboards to navigate the site, which features products as vivid rectangles in a checkerboard-like configuration.

Right now, Windowshop includes music, books, video games and movies. You can zoom in on a product to see or hear related content, like a video clip of the movie "Kung Fu Panda" or an audio review of the book "The Widow Clicquot: The Story of a Champagne Empire and the Woman Who Ruled it."

HELP FILE

By ROB PEGORARO
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Q: What kind of difference will DDR3 memory make in a laptop, compared with DDR2?

A: "DDR" stands for "double data rate" (except when it means the Dance Dance Revolution video game). As that name suggests, it can pump data to and from the processor twice as fast as older memory.

Since DDR's debut in 2001, two upgraded versions have arrived. DDR2, the most common type today, transfers data faster than plain old DDR. DDR3 is quicker still and can consume less power and generate less heat — but costs about twice as much as DDR2.

At some point, that cost gap should shrink as DDR3 becomes more widely available. In the meantime, I wouldn't let the use of one type of memory or another sway a laptop decision; it's unlikely to make a huge difference in a machine's overall performance.

Also, please remember this general rule: To upgrade your computer's memory, you have to add whatever kind it already uses. Don't mix and match.

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Q: The drive plugged into my Mac can't hold a full backup using Apple's Time Machine software. What folders can I safely exclude from Time Machine?

A: Open the Mac's System Preferences program, click its Time Machine icon and click the "Options" button in that window. There, you can click the plus symbol to tell Time Machine to ignore certain folders.

Start by selecting your Mac's System folder; Time Machine will ask if you'd like to exclude all system files, which you should. You can then leave out your Applications folder (provided you have these programs' CDs or DVDs or know where to download them).

Inside your user account's home folder, you can omit the Downloads folder. Lastly, go inside your account's Library folder and exclude its Caches sub-folder.

TECH BYTES

Wikipedia seeks $6M—3 times last year's amount

NEW YORK (AP)—The nonprofit group that runs Wikipedia launched its annual appeal to donors Wednesday, seeking $6 million to cover the costs of the volunteer-created Internet encyclopedia. That figure would be a threefold increase from what the campaign raised last year. This fundraising campaign is set to last until Jan. 15, Wikipedia's eight-year anniversary. This is the first year the San Francisco-based Wikimedia Foundation has set an explicit financial goal. Wikipedia, one of the most popular online reference tools, is free and does not post ads, so it counts on donations to keep operating and growing. So far, the campaign has pulled in one-third of its goal, $1 million of which came from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation.

Yahoo CEO to Microsoft: Make us another offer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Yahoo CEO Jerry Yang says he is willing to sell his company to Microsoft if the software maker returns to the bargaining table. "To this day, I believe the best thing for Microsoft to do is to buy Yahoo," Yang said Wednesday evening at the Web 2.0 summit in San Francisco. Yang remarks came on the same day Google backed out of an Internet advertising partnership that Yahoo had been counting on to accelerate its revenue growth. Yahoo's stock price ended Wednesday at $13.92, far below the $33 per share that Microsoft offered in May. Microsoft withdrew the bid after Yang asked for more.

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER OF SALE IN DEED OF TRUST

JUAN F. BARCINAS and BARBARA DLC. EVANGELISTA (collectively "Trustor"), on or about June 14, 1983, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on June 16, 1983, under Document No. 17490 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT 001 T 52, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEY'S OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 001 T 00, DATED AUGUST 14, 1969, AND CONTAINING AN AREA OF 1,486 SQUARE METERS.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on September 12, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **November 14, 2008**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$117,150.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Mr. Manuel A. Sablan, Chairman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **November 13, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than November 13, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$117,150.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 14th day of October, 2008.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director

Inquiries may be directed to Mr. Joshua T. Sasamoto, Corporate Director, at 234-6866/7689 for more information.

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER OF SALE IN DEED OF TRUST

CELINA M. SETEFANO and VILIAMI S. SETEFANO (collectively "Trustor"), on or about August 2, 1983, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on August 3, 1983, under Document No. 17659 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 002 F 67, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 1,230 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON DRAWING/CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 002 F 00, THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH WAS REGISTERED WITH THE LAND REGISTRY AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 691, ON THE 1ST DAY OF MARCH, 1971.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on September 12, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **November 14, 2008**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$52,940.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Mr. Manuel A. Sablan, Chairman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **November 13, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than November 13, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$52,940.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 14th day of October, 2008.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director

Inquiries may be directed to Mr. Joshua T. Sasamoto, Corporate Director, at 234-6866/7689 for more information.

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER OF SALE IN DEED OF TRUST

NOVA ANN T. QUITUGUA and RAY J. TAITAGUE (collectively "Trustor"), on or about September 24, 1998, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on September 28, 1998, under Document No. 98-3008 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 330 R 232, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 924 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEY'S OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 330 R 05, DATED MARCH 13, 1992, COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S FILE NO. 92-861, DATED MARCH 16, 1992, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on September 12, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **November 14, 2008**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$69,890.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Mr. Manuel A. Sablan, Chairman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **November 13, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than November 13, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$69,890.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 14th day of October, 2008.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director

Inquiries may be directed to Mr. Joshua T. Sasamoto, Corporate Director, at 234-6866/7689 for more information.

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER OF SALE IN DEED OF TRUST

CARMENT T. ANDON and SAMUEL M. ANDON (collectively "Trustor"), on or about October 22, 2004, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on November 2, 2004, under Document No. 04-2544 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 011 G 308, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 797 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEY'S OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 011 G 06, DATED DECEMBER 9, 1993, COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S FILE NO. 93-4414, DATED DECEMBER 16, 1993, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its 2nd Notice of Default and served to Trustor on September 12, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on November 14, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$61,150.00.** Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Mr. Manuel A. Sablan, Chairman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **November 13, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than November 13, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$61,150.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 14th day of October, 2008.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director

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BLAS T. MAGOFNA ("Trustor"), on or about January 12, 1995, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on January 20, 1995, under Document No. 95-143 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 002 B 12, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 737 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEY'S OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 5014/94, DATED FEBRUARY 7, 1994, COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S FILE NO. 94-396, DATED FEBRUARY 10, 1994, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on September 12, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **November 14, 2008**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$108,660.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Mr. Manuel A. Sablan, Chairman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **November 13, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than November 13, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

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Dated this 14th day of October, 2008.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director

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Life & Style

'Jurassic Park' author Michael Crichton dies at 66

Michael Crichton, the million-selling author who made scientific research terrifying and irresistible in such thrillers as "Jurassic Park," "Timeline" and "The Andromeda Strain," has died of cancer, his family said. Crichton died Tuesday in Los Angeles at age 66 after privately battling cancer.

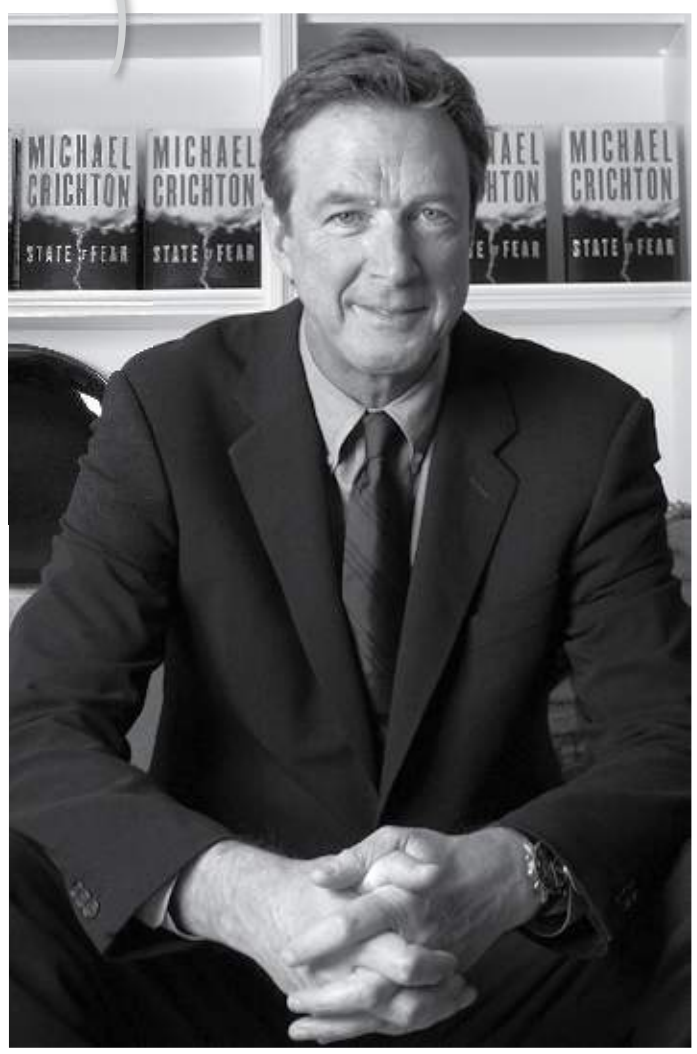
"Through his books, Michael Crichton served as an inspiration to students of all ages, challenged scientists in many fields, and illuminated the mysteries of the world in a way we could all understand," his family said in a statement.

"While the world knew him as a great storyteller that challenged our preconceived notions about the world around us - and entertained us all while doing so - his wife Sherri, daughter Taylor, family and friends knew Michael Crichton as a devoted husband, loving father and generous friend who inspired each of us to strive to see the wonders of our world through new eyes."

He was an experimenter and popularizer known for his stories of disaster and systematic breakdown, such as the rampant microbe of "The Andromeda Strain" or the dinosaurs running madly in "Jurassic Park." Many of his books became major Hollywood movies, including "Jurassic Park," "Rising Sun" and "Disclosure." Crichton himself directed and wrote "The Great Train Robbery" and he co-wrote the script for the blockbuster "Twister."

In 1994, he created the award-winning TV hospital series "ER." He's even had a dinosaur named for him, Crichton's ankylosaur.

"Michael's talent out-scaled even his own dinosaurs of `Jurassic Park,'" said "Jurassic Park" director Steven Spielberg, a friend of Crichton's for 40 years. "He was the greatest at blending science with big theatrical concepts, which is what gave credibility to dinosaurs again walking the Earth. ... Michael was a gentle soul who reserved his flamboyant side for his novels. There is no one in the wings that will ever take his place."



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In this Dec. 7, 2004 file photo, author Michael Crichton poses at The Peninsula Hotel in New York. Crichton died Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2008 in Los Angeles, at age 66.

John Wells, executive producer of "ER" called the author "an extraordinary man. Brilliant, funny, erudite, gracious, exceptionally inquisitive and always thoughtful.

"No lunch with Michael lasted less than three hours and no subject was too prosaic or obscure to attract his interest. Sexual politics, medical and scientific ethics, anthropology, archaeology, economics, astronomy, astrology, quantum physics, and molecular biology were all regular topics of conversation."

Neal Baer, a physician who became an executive producer on "ER," was a fourth-year medical student at Harvard University when Wells, a longtime friend, sent him Crichton's script.

"I said, `Wow, this is like my life.' Michael had been a medical student at Harvard in the early '70s and I was going through the same thing about 20 years later," said Baer. "ER" offered a fresh take on the TV medical drama, making doctors the central focus rather than patients. In the early life of "ER," Crichton, who hadn't been involved in medicine for years, and Spielberg would take part in writers' room discussions.

In recent years, Crichton was the rare novelist granted a White House meeting with President Bush, perhaps because of his skepticism about global warming, which Crichton addressed in the 2004 novel, "State of Fear." Crichton's views were strongly condemned by environmentalists, who alleged that the author was hurting efforts to pass legislation to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide.

If not a literary giant, he was a physical one, standing 6 feet and 9 inches, and ready for battle with the press. In a 2004 interview with The Associated Press, Crichton came with a tape recorder, text books and a pile of graphs and charts as he defended "State of Fear" and his take on global warming.

"I have a lot of trouble with things that don't seem true to me," Crichton said at the time, his large, manicured hands gesturing to his graphs. "I'm very uncomfortable just accepting. There's something in me that wants to pound the table and say, 'That's not true.'"

He spoke to few scientists about his questions, convinced that he could interpret the data himself. "If we put everything in the hands of experts and if we say that as intelligent outsiders, we are not qualified to look over the shoulder of anybody, then we're in some kind of really weird world," he said.

BEST SELLERS

Nonfiction

"Hot, Flat, and Crowded," by Thomas L. Friedman (Farrar, Straus & Giroux: $27.95) Solutions to overpopulation and the global-warming crisis.

"The Last Lecture," by Randy Pausch with Jeffrey Zaslow (Random House: $21.95) A professor's terminal cancer inspires a call to seize life's moments.

"The Snowball," by Alice Schroeder (Bantam: $35) The life and times of investor Warren Buffett, the "Oracle of Omaha."

"Pieces of My Heart," by Robert J. Wagner and Scott Eyman (HarperEntertainment: $25.95) The actor's five decades in show business.

"The Wordy Shipmates," by Sarah Vowell (Riverhead: $25.95) A profile of the Puritans who fought the early battle between church and state.

"A Bold Fresh Piece of Humanity," by Bill O'Reilly (Broadway: $26) The Fox News commentator discusses his childhood and its impact on his life.

"Dewey," by Vicki Myron with Bret Witter (Grand Central: $19.99) A cat, named Dewey Readmore Books, adopts an Iowa library and its patrons.

"Goodnight Bush," by Erich Origen and Gan Golan (Little, Brown: $14.99) A parody of the children's classic "Goodnight Moon."

"Here's the Story," by Maureen McCormick (William Morrow: $25.95) Marcia, Marcia, Marcia.

"The Secret," by Rhonda Byrne (Beyond Words: $23.95) Life's secrets, distilled.

Fiction

"The Brass Verdict," by Michael Connelly (Little, Brown: $26.99) A luckless attorney defends a studio executive accused of murdering his wife and her lover.

"A Most Wanted Man," by John le Carre (Scribner: $28) Turkish Muslims in Germany take in a homeless man who turns out to be a terrorist.

"The Story of Edgar Sawtelle," by David Wroblewski (Ecco: $25.95) A mute dog breeder is banished by his uncle a la "Hamlet."

"Eclipse," by Stephenie Meyer (Little, Brown: $19.99) Bella must choose between her lover and a friend, life and death.

"Brisingr," by Christopher Paolini (Knopf: $27.50) Eragon, with his dragon Saphira, must unite the rebel forces to defeat King Galbatorix.

"The Lucky One," by Nicholas Sparks (Grand Central: $24.99) An ex-Marine searches for a woman in a photo.

"The Other Queen," by Philippa Gregory (Touchstone: $25.95) A historical tale of Mary, Queen of Scots' years in captivity.

"Breaking Dawn," by Stephenie Meyer (Little, Brown: $22.99) The final book in the Twilight saga finds Bella choosing immortality.

"The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society," by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows (Dial Press: $22) A writer corresponds with islanders after German occupation.

"A Lion Among Men," by Gregory Maguire (William Morrow: $26.95) In the third part of the "Wicked Years," it's the Cowardly Lion's turn to shine. ***((c) 2008 Los Angeles Times)***

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Drew Barrymore (v), Andy Garcia (v)
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Sunday 1:15 4:00 7:10
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Zac Efron, Ashley Tisdale
Musical • Rated G

Eagle Eye
Friday @ 7:05 9:35
Saturday @ @ 7:05 9:35
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Beyonce gushes with pride after Obama election

NEW YORK (AP)—Attention, Mr. president-elect: Come Inauguration Day, Beyonce is at your service.

"I'm there. I can't wait. I feel like all of us, we're ready to do whatever we have to do. Whatever they want - if they need me to volunteer, they need me to sing, I'm there, and I'm ready," a giddy Beyonce said in an interview the day after Barack Obama made history in becoming the nation's first elected black president.

The singer couldn't stop beaming after Obama's win over Republican John McCain on Tuesday. In fact, she was so inspired, she wore a blue suit and tie in honor of Obama - with stiletto heels that were red, white and blue.

"I've never been so patriotic!" she laughed. "I'm just beyond excited."

Beyonce was supposed to be in Japan on Election Night to promote her upcoming album, "I Am ... Sasha Fierce," but decided to postpone it at the last minute.

"I said, 'What am I doing? I'm completely making a bad decision. I have to go home, I'm gonna kill myself if I'm not home in America,'" she said. "I knew I needed to be here."

After going with hubby Jay-Z, Diddy, Mary J. Blige and others to states like Pennsylvania, Florida, and Ohio just before the election, she watched the returns Tuesday night with family and friends in her home. She was not only inspired by Obama, but McCain's concession as well: "McCain's speech was so classy."

The 27-year-old said the win was particularly important for the inspiration it gave to African-Americans.

"My nephew, who is 4, when we say, 'You can do whatever, you can be whatever,' it's not cliche. You have no doubt that it's not true," she said.

The election even brought Beyonce to tears, though she says it was the good kind: "I fell asleep crying and smiling at the same time," she laughed. I woke up with mascara running and a smile on my face!"

AP

Beyonce speaks during an opening event of a boutique in Tokyo's Ginza shopping district Friday, Oct. 31, 2008.

50 Cent has business-centered reality show on MTV

NEW YORK (AP)—50 Cent has a new show on MTV, where business-savvy contestants compete for a shot at fame and a huge cash prize. But the rapper says he's not following the path of that other famous reality show hosted by Donald Trump.

50 Cent

"Immediately when you say a reality show that has a business spin to it, they think 'The Apprentice,' and the difference is these people don't actually want to work for me," the 32-year-old said in a recent interview. "They have their own business ideas that they created and they're competing for $100,000 in seed money."

"50 Cent: The Money and the Power" debuts Thursday. It features 14 contestants competing to show that they are the best entrepreneurs. 50 Cent will chop down the number of contestants until the winner is crowned.

The rapper and mogul said the show is like a visual companion to his upcoming book, "The 50th Law," with Robert Greene, who wrote "The 48 Laws of Power."

"Ahead of my actual music taking off, I would have wanted to be on the show," he said. "$100,000 would have been great, and the MTV exposure."

People will be seeing a lot of 50 Cent in the next few months. Besides the MTV project, he is releasing his latest album, "Before I Self Destruct," on Dec. 9. The CD includes an accompanying feature-length film with the same title.

"I'm excited, it's the first project I wrote, produced and starred in," says 50 of the flick, which comes free with the CD.

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER OF SALE IN DEED OF TRUST

MARINA A. BAUTISTA and LORETO L. BAUTISTA (collectively "Trustor"), on or about November 15, 1999, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on November 15, 1999, under Document No. 99-2777 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 011 G 972, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 781 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEY'S OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 011 G 18, DATED DECEMBER 3, 1993, COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S FILE NO. 93-4286, DATED DECEMBER 9, 1993, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on September 12, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **November 14, 2008**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$93,680.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Mr. Manuel A. Sablan, Chairman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **November 13, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than November 13, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$93,680.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 14th day of October, 2008.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director

Inquiries may be directed to Mr. Joshua T. Sasamoto, Corporate Director, at 234-6866/7689 for more information.

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER OF SALE IN DEED OF TRUST

VICENTE W. KAIPAT and LEONILA S. KAIPAT (collectively "Trustor"), on or about April 21, 1994, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation formerly known as Marianas Island Housing Authority ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on May 10, 1994, under Document No. 94-1199 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 005 I 330, containing an area of 1,109 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Survey's Official Cadastral Plat No. 005 I 07, dated September 8, 1982, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 18433, dated September 30, 1983 the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its 2nd Notice of Default and served to Trustor on September 5, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **November 14, 2008**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$29,730.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Mr. Manuel A. Sablan, Chairman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **November 13, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than November 13, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

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ELOY T. DELA CRUZ and SHIRLEY ANN R. DELA CRUZ (collectively "Trustor"), on or about October 23, 2002, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on October 29, 2002, under Document No. 02-2209 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 002 G 263, containing an area of 929 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 002 G 07 dated May 31, 1989, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 90-1904, dated May 14, 1990, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its 2nd Notice of Default and served to Trustor on September 5, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on November 14, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$57,730.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Mr. Manuel A. Sablan, Chairman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **November 13, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than November 13, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

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Dated this 14th day of October, 2008.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
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Husband's ancient indiscretion causes wife present-day pain

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married eight years. Six months before we met, he had a one-night stand with his brother's girlfriend—now his brother's wife. His brother was present and involved, if you know what I mean. I am no saint by any means, but this is information I wish he had never told me because now I can't stand the sight of either of them.

My husband has never cheated on me or asked me to have a threesome or anything like that. He worships the ground I walk on and is the perfect mate, very sensitive about my feelings. He has told me he wishes it had never happened, and he feels ashamed.

We live in a small town. I see his brother and his wife all the time and, of course, at all the family gatherings. I have to get over this somehow. I know it's in the past and it was before me, but I get so upset every time I see either one of them that I just want to go off. Please help me.

NOT OVER IT IN TENNESSEE

DEAR NOT OVER IT: No one can blame you for finding these people repulsive, and what happened so long ago was no one's brightest moment—including your husband's. However, because you must have regular contact with them, I do have a suggestion for you. Forgive them. If you do, it will cause less wear and tear on your soul than what you have been putting yourself through.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a problem with jealousy. I lash out at my boyfriend over minor things, like not coming home within an hour or so of when he says he will, not giving me the passwords to his e-mail accounts, etc.

Is this a real problem I should get help for? He hasn't given me any reason to think he would be unfaithful. I just have these uncontrollable urges. It's tearing apart our relationship, and I don't know how to overcome these feelings. Any help would be so appreciated.

GREEN-EYED MONSTER IN TEXAS

DEAR GREEN-EYED: Your problem isn't jealousy, it is insecurity, and if it's destroying your relationship, then you must figure out the reason for it. If you really need to check your boyfriend's e-mail and have him account for every moment he is away from you, something is wrong with the romance and its days are numbered. Because he has given you no reason to think he has been unfaithful, you are right to start looking in the mirror for the source of the problem. Some sessions with a psychologist will help you get to the bottom of it. Do it now.

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DEAR ABBY: My brother is being married for the first time at the age of 69. His fiancee is 69, and it's also her first marriage.

They have been dating each other since the early '80s and maintained separate residences until seven years ago, when they moved in together. What kind of gift do I get them for their wedding?

PERPLEXED IN POMONA

DEAR PERPLEXED: Ask the happy couple where they are registered for wedding gifts. But don't be surprised if they tell you that all they want are your blessings and good wishes, and that your presence at their nuptials is the only "present" for which they are asking.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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DeGeneres laments gay marriage ban in Calif.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Ellen DeGeneres says she is "saddened beyond belief" by the passage of a constitutional amendment in California banning gay marriage.

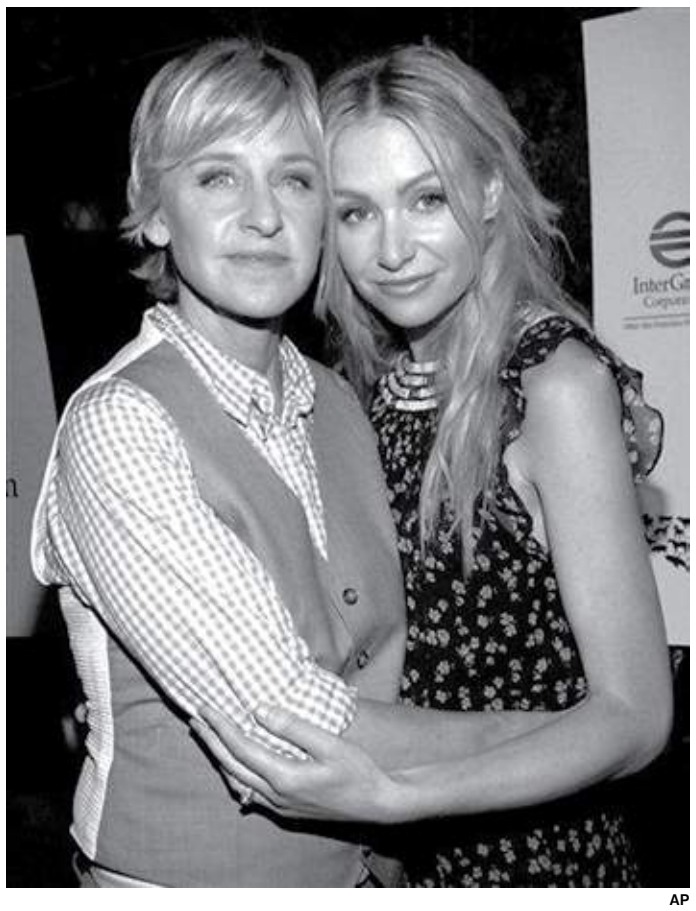
The talk show host said in a statement Wednesday to The Associated Press that she, "like millions of Americans, felt like we had taken a giant step toward equality" by electing Barack Obama as president.

DeGeneres says that with the passage of California's Proposition 8, "we took a giant step away."

DeGeneres wed actress Portia (POR'-shuh) de Rossi in August, following a May Supreme Court decision legalizing same-sex marriage in California.

She contributed $100,000 to fight the amendment on Tuesday's ballot.

DeGeneres asserts she will "continue to speak out for equality for all of us."



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In this Sept. 28, 2008 file photo, comedian Ellen DeGeneres and actress Portia de Rossi pose on the press line at the "Yes! On Prop 2" benefit gala in Los Angeles.

Liverpool rocks for MTV Europe Music Awards

LONDON (AP)—When Kanye West performs Thursday at the MTV Europe Music Awards, it will be the second time he's taken the stage at the ceremony —but the first time he's been invited.

The rapper stormed the stage at the 2006 awards show in Copenhagen after he failed to win the best-video prize, telling the crowd that "if I don't win, the awards show loses credibility."

The next year the temperamental West vowed he would never return to MTV after he went home empty-handed from the MTV Video Music Awards.

The rapper and the music network have since reconciled, and West is scheduled to join a high-profile slate of performers —including Beyonce, Kid Rock and the Killers - in the Beatles' home town of Liverpool for Thursday's show.

Former Beatle Paul McCartney, who was born in Liverpool, is to receive an "ultimate legend" award.

MTV Networks International Chairman Bill Roedy said McCartney was "one of the true greats."

"Not only has he has been one of the most formative influences on the music scene on a global scale, but he is one of the founding fathers that has earned Liverpool the recent accolade as most musical city in the U.K.," Roedy said.

Britney Spears, Coldplay and Duffy lead the nominations for the annual awards, which are presented in a different European country each year.

Bonaduce divorce is final: Monthly payments $16K

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A Los Angeles judge has signed off on the amicable end to Danny Bonaduce's nearly 18-year marriage. Bonaduce will pay $16,000 a month to his ex-wife, Gretchen, for spousal and child support. The former couple will retain joint custody of their children, who are 14 and 7 years old.

Their marriage was the subject of the reality show, "Breaking Bonaduce," which also chronicled the former child star's bout with addiction. Gretchen Bonaduce filed for divorce in April 2007.

Danny Bonaduce now hosts a radio talk show in Los Angeles, as well as VH1's "I Know My Kid's a Star."

Documents signed by a judge on Thursday indicate Bonaduce isn't giving up on marriage: he's keeping the rights to sell a show called, "The Next Mrs. Bonaduce."

Lucci eliminated from 'Dancing'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Susan Lucci's story line on "Dancing with the Star" has come to an end.

The "All My Children" actress and her professional partner, Tony Dovolani, were eliminated Wednesday from ABC's popular dancing competition. The pair received the judges' lowest score - 24 out of 30 - for their paso doble routine Monday. After viewer votes were combined with the judges' scores, the Daytime Emmy-winning soap star was dismissed.

"It was definitely worth it," Lucci said, grabbing the microphone after her ouster. "I just have to say, I have had the most incredible experience here. I leave with a life experience, something I will never forget. I feel so, so much gratitude for the opportunity to have had this particular experience in my lifetime."

For the first time in the competition, the dancers were split into two groups on Monday's performance show. Lucci headed Team Cha-Cha with actor Cody Linley and singer Lance Bass, scoring a 20 from the judges. Former football star Warren Sapp led Team Paso Doble with TV personality Brooke Burke and Olympic gold medalist Maurice Greene, nabbing a score of 29.

Carrie Ann Inaba called Team Cha-Cha's out-of-sync routine "brutal." The judges asked Team Paso Doble to perform an encore of their high-energy number at the beginning of Wednesday's results show. The scores for the team routines were combined with the partner dance scores and viewer votes to determine that Lucci would be sent back to Pine Valley.

Burke, Bass, Greene, Linley and Sapp will continue in the competition. Previously dismissed celebrities include: actress Cloris Leachman; singer Toni Braxton; chef Rocco DiSpirito; reality TV star Kim Kardashian; actor Ted McGinley and comedian Jeffrey Ross. Olympian Misty May-Treanor dropped out of the competition after rupturing her tendon

Janet Jackson cancels missed shows

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Janet Jackson won't be rockin' any rescheduled tour dates.

The 42-year-old singer is not choreographing any make-up dates for the seven "Rock Witchu" tour performances that were initially postponed because of her illness "due to conflicts in the singer's schedule," said a statement released by tour organizer Live Nation on Tuesday.

The canceled stops, originally scheduled Sept. 29 to Oct. 13, include: Montreal; Boston; Philadelphia; Greensboro, N.C.; Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Uncasville, Conn.; and Syracuse, N.Y.

Jackson's publicist previously said she had been suffering from migraine-associated vertigo, which led to her canceling the string of shows. She was being treated for the illness, which is characterized by dizziness, imbalance and other symptoms.

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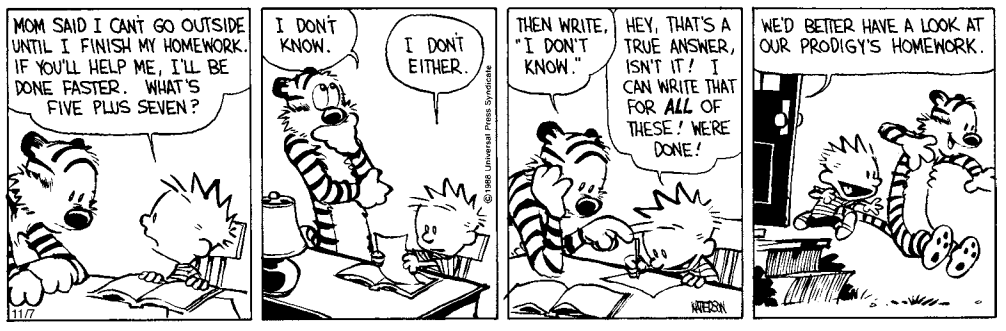
In this Oct. 17, 2008 file photo, Janet Jackson performs in a concert during her "Rock Witchu" tour in East Rutherford, N.J.

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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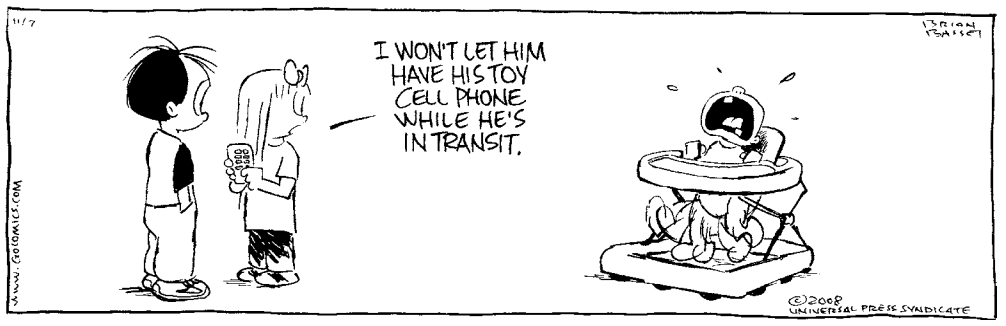
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6 Hot tub
9 Cosmetics watchdog org.
12 Storage story
13 Allen or Burton
14 Journal
15 Puppeteer Lewis
16 Tombstone mot
18 Vintage Streisand hit
20 Vicinity
21 Puncturing tool
23 Zero
24 Follows orders
25 Owner's draft
27 Ship of the desert
29 Sequence of victories
31 "Queen of Soul"
35 Underground vault
37 Manx's lack
38 Site of emotions
41 Intend
43 Energy
44 "Metamorphoses" poet
45 Third-year student
47 Bug
49 Near
52 Away from WSW
53 Praise in verse
54 So all can hear
55 Scarlet
56 Apiece
57 Judo-like wrestling style

DOWN
1 — de deux
2 Biblical verb suffix
3 Desk gadget
4 Exhaust
5 Offspring
6 "Streetcar ..." role
7 Meerschaum, e.g.
8 Parisian pal
9 Signal light
10 Happy companion
11 Eastern bigwigs
17 Pad
19 Fastidious
21 Commercials
22 Drenched
24 "— the fields we go ..."
26 Unscramble, maybe
28 Early morning
30 Branch
32 Bar
33 Hasten
34 Matterhorn, e.g.
36 Poor one
38 Viny shelter
39 Sheepish?
40 Begat
42 Isinglass et al.
45 Green gem
46 Earthen pot
48 Upper surface
50 Replacement
51 Tokyo's old name

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 11-7

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ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Love is full of surprises and your undivided attention will be required if you want to take full advantage of the possibilities. Plan something fun and unique that will impress and renew your feelings for another. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Don't be fooled by those asking for too much. You can tell who really needs your help. A change in your outlook will make others realize you mean business and are willing to do what's required to force issues and get things done. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Don't be fooled by someone complaining about work and an injustice. Consider if it is worth your time and effort when you have so many other things to accomplish. Delegate trivial jobs to others. A relationship problem will surface if you aren't attentive. ✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Take time to do things for yourself, a loved one or with the children in your life. Travel, hobbies or just enjoying the company of loved ones should be high on your list. Talks will solve any existing problems. ✪✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Don't overspend on pleasure, partners or products that promise unreasonable results. Impulse spending or overindulgence will cost you emotionally. Stress due to problems at home or with equipment, appliances or household services can be expected. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Don't get all wigged out over possible problems at work or with a colleague. Bide your time and chances are there really isn't anything to worry about. An opportunity will develop if you discuss a possible project with a friend. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Follow a dream and you will feel good about what you accomplish, but do not give up your security to do so. A better relationship with someone you have been struggling with can now be developed. Try something new and challenging. ✪✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Be true to yourself and you will have no regrets. Love is mounting, so make plans to do something cozy and romantic. You can make some interesting changes to your future plans, allowing you to make a profit via a new revenue stream. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Don't leave yourself open to criticism or to emotional scrutiny. Be ready to move quickly if someone corners you. Uncertainty will reside, making it impossible for you to make the right decision. ✪✪

CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Put your ideas on the table. Talks will inspire others to back your goals. You can position yourself for success and build healthy relationships with people who are on the same page as you. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Be honest with yourself. An interesting concept, philosophy or service will interest you. Start thinking about how you can incorporate what you've learned into greater profits, professional pluses or a satisfying career. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Money is in the stars and, whether it's a settlement or money owed, a gift or even an inheritance, you will be on the receiving end and can help yourself as well as others. A lover may become a burden if he or she is too clingy. ✪✪✪

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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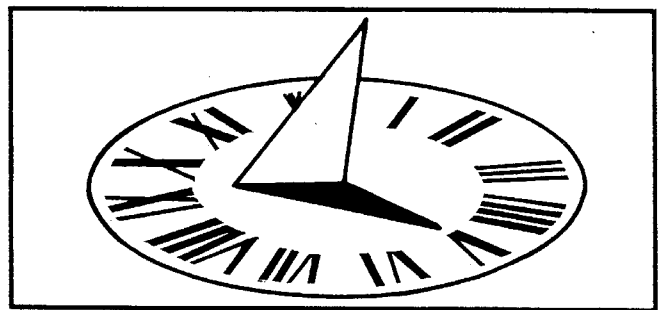

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Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on November 24, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom Rota before Associated Judge Kenneth Govendo.

/s/ **Bernadita A. Sablan**
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State Board of Education

Public School System

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All questions concerning this proposal shall be submitted in writing no later than **4:30 PM, November 17, 2008** to Pedro Sasamoto, WTF Program Manager (facsimile) number: 670)664-2279.

The proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations. Preference is available to local proposers per PL 15-95 as further amended by PL 15-118. If preference is claimed, it must be claimed at the time of proposal submission.

Proposals must be sealed and marked "**Project Manager", RFP09-GOV- 018**. One (1) original and four (4) copies must be submitted. For proposers within the CNMI, sealed proposals must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply, at Lower Base, Saipan, no later than **3:00 pm, November 21, 2008 (CNMI local time).** Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting **Notice of Intent to Propose**. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **3:00 pm, November 21, 2008 (CNMI local time)** and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or e-mail procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside of the CNMI, the proposal must be postmarked by the USPO (or FedEx, DHL, etc.), or Official Post Office of a foreign country no later than **November 21, 2008**, and received no later than **December 3, 2008 (CNMI local time).**

The CNMI reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if to do so will be in the best interest of the CNMI. All proposals shall become the exclusive property of the CNMI government.

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Parker's 55 points lead Spurs in 2 OT win vs Wolves

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Tony Parker scored a career-high 55 points, including a 20-footer at the buzzer to force a second overtime, in the San Antonio Spurs' 129-125 victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves on Wednesday.

After Al Jefferson backed down Tim Duncan and sank a turnaround hook to put Minnesota up 116-114 with 2 1/2 seconds left in the first overtime, Parker took the inbounds pass, dribbled right, pump-faked once and let the ball fly.

Parker scored six of his team's first eight points in the second overtime to stretch the lead to four, though Randy Foye made a 3-pointer from the corner to cut the lead to one. The Spurs rebounded a pair of missed jumpers, before Parker finally went to the line with 19 seconds left and made it 128-125.

Parker was 22-of-36 from the field and added 10 assists and seven rebounds.

Mike Miller had 12 of his 25 points in the first quarter for Minnesota.

Suns 113, Pacers 103

At Indianapolis, Amare Stoudemire scored 49 points, falling a point short of his career high as Phoenix beat Indiana.

Stoudemire was 17-for-21 from the field, made 15 free throws without a miss and had 11 rebounds, six assists and five steals. He missed his career high of 50 points, set against Portland on Jan. 2, 2005.

Boris Diaw added 14 points for the Suns (4-1). T.J. Ford and Danny Granger each scored 23 points, and Marquis Daniels added 19 for the Pacers (1-2).

Pistons 100, Raptors 93

At Toronto, Tayshaun Prince scored 16 of his 27 points in the second quarter, and Richard Hamilton had 22 to help Detroit improve to four wins without loss.

Allen Iverson was unavailable for Detroit because Chauncey Billups, one of three players traded to Denver in exchange for Iverson, hadn't completed his physical.

Chris Bosh had 26 points and 13 rebounds for Toronto in its unsuccessful bid for its first 4-0 start.

Knicks 101, Bobcats 98

At New York, Zach Randolph had 25 points and 13 rebounds, Nate Robinson scored all 24 of his points in the first half, and New York edged Charlotte to ruin former Knicks coach Larry Brown's first game back at Madison Square Garden.

Wilson Chandler added 18 points and Jamal Crawford had 14 of his 16 in the second half for the Knicks. Raymond Felton scored 18 points and Jason Richardson had 17 for the Bobcats, 1-3 in their first season under Brown.

Heat 106, 76ers 83

At Miami, Dwyane Wade scored 29 points, Mario Chalmers set a franchise record with nine steals, and Miami scored 12 straight points in the fourth quarter to down Philadelphia.

Wade added seven rebounds and six assists. Miami forced 26 turnovers—matching the most in the NBA this season—and moved to 2-0 at home for the first time since 2004.

Michael Beasley finished with 17 points, and Shawn Marion—playing with a hard plastic mask to protect a broken nose—added 12 points and seven rebounds for Miami (2-2). Thaddeus Young scored 19 points for Philadelphia.

AP

San Antonio Spurs' Tony Parker (9) is shoots against Minnesota Timberwolves' Al Jefferson (25) during the second quarter a NBA basketball game in Minneapolis on Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2008.

Cavaliers 107, Bulls 93

At Cleveland, LeBron James scored a season-high 41 points—15 on free throws—and Zydrunas Ilgauskas added 15 points and 10 rebounds as Cleveland downed Chicago.

James, who briefly left the floor in the first quarter after twisting his left ankle, missed just once from the line. In his past two games, James, who has struggled with his touch from 15 feet throughout his career, has made 28 of 31 free throws.

Ben Gordon scored a season-high 31 points for the Bulls.

Celtics 96, Thunder 83

At Oklahoma, Paul Pierce had 20 points and nine rebounds, and Ray Allen scored 18 points to lead Boston past Oklahoma.

Kevin Garnett added 17 points and eight rebounds, Kendrick Perkins had 10 points and nine rebounds and Rajon Rondo had 11 assists for the Celtics. Kevin Durant led the Thunder with 17 points, but was 6-for-15 from the field.

Hawks 87, Hornets 79

At New Orleans, Joe Johnson scored 24 points and Atlanta made 12 3-pointers to improve to 3-0 and drop New Orleans to 3-1.

Reserve Flip Murray added 14 points, hitting a pair of 3s in the fourth quarter, including one as the shot clock expired during a 14-2 surge that put Atlanta in the lead for good. Chris Paul had 22 points and 11 assists for New Orleans.

Bucks 112, Wizards 104, OT

At Milwaukee, Richard Jefferson scored 32 points, rookie Luc Richard Mbah a Moute added 17 and Milwaukee overcame a 14-point fourth-quarter deficit.

Andrew Bogut had 10 points and 13 rebounds, and Ramon Sessions added 22 points for Milwaukee. Caron Butler scored 27 points for winless Washington.

Lakers 106, Clippers 88

At Los Angeles, Kobe Bryant scored 27 points and the unbeaten Lakers used a 22-0 run in the fourth quarter to beat the winless Clippers for the sixth straight time.

Lamar Odom had 15 points and nine rebounds for the Lakers (4-0).

Al Thornton led the Clippers (0-5) with 22 points.

Kings 100, Grizzlies 95

At Sacramento, California, Kevin Martin scored 33 points and John Salmons had 21 points and nine rebounds for Sacramento in its first victory of the season.

Spencer Hawes had 13 points before fouling out for Sacramento, which opened the season by losing at every stop on a four-game trip.

O.J. Mayo scored 28 points and hit six 3-pointers for Memphis.

Jazz 103, Trail Blazers 96

At Salt Lake City, Mehmut Okur scored 22 points, and Carlos Boozer added 20—including four in the final 30 seconds, to help Utah beat Portland and improve to 4-0.

LaMarcus Aldridge and Brandon Roy each scored 18 points for Portland.

Warriors 111, Nuggets 101

At Oakland, California, Stephen Jackson had 29 points and seven assists and Golden State overcame a poor first quarter and some sloppy second-half play to defeat Denver.

Carmelo Anthony had 28 points, eight rebounds and five assists for Denver.

Dodgers make offer to Manny Ramirez

DANA POINT, Calif. (AP)—The Dodgers want to keep Manny Ramirez in Los Angeles, and they made an offer that proves just how much.

General manager Ned Colletti said Wednesday the Dodgers' pitch to the free-agent slugger would give him the second-highest average salary in the sport behind Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez.

"If you saw the bid, it's nothing that we're embarrassed by," Colletti said at the GM meetings. "Manny was close to that number, anyway—closer to that area than the last place he's been."

Rodriguez currently has the top average at $27.5 million under the 10-year deal he agreed to before last season. Mets pitcher Johan Santana is second at $22.9 million under the six-season deal he agreed to this year.

Ramirez, acquired from Boston on July 31, is coming off a $160 million, eight-year contract he signed with the Red Sox before the 2001 season.

"We said, `Think about it for a while. It's not going to be there forever,'" Colletti said. "Things are always subject to change, and it depends on what else we do, to some extent. I've been asked a few times here if we're going to wait to see what happens with this before we do anything else. But I'm not sure we're going to have the luxury to do that. If there's something else that comes about that we feel we need to do, and the timeliness is there to do it, we'll have to do it."

When the Dodgers were eliminated from the playoffs last month, Ramirez expressed a desire to test the market.

"I want to see who is the highest bidder. Gas is up and so am I," he said then.

Gas prices have gone down sharply since then. His agent, Scott Boras, joked Wednesday.

"I believe that was a prognostication that was of a 24-hour period," Boras said. "Manny's stock career was short-lived."

Ramirez is 36, and the length of the contract could become as issue.

"There's always two elements to it. It's not just the dollar figure, it's for how long," Colletti said.

Boras appears to be seeking a lengthy contract.

"We have now established records with a lot of veteran players, where we're seeing players perform at very high levels into their early 40s," he said.

Also Wednesday, the team declined Brad Penny's $9.25 million option, making the 30-year-old right-hander eligible to become a free agent.

Penny, who receives a $2 million buyout, was 6-9 with a 6.27 ERA in 17 starts and two relief appearances last season. He was bothered by shoulder problems for much of the year and went on the disabled list three times: from June 17 to Aug. 8, Aug. 14 to Sept. 10 and Sept. 24 through the end of the season.

He was acquired by the Dodgers from Florida in July 2004 and won 16 games in both 2006 and 2007.

"This past year, between getting hurt and not being able to come back, we just didn't see enough scope of work, really," Colletti said.

While speaking about Ramirez, Colletti addressed the possibility that Greg Maddux will retire. The 355-game winner turns 43 in April.

"I told Scott we'd love to have him back, and we're not going to be closing the door on Greg Maddux anytime soon," Colletti said. "I've known him for a long, long time. I respect who he is and admire him for what he's done. I know the impact he has on a club and on a franchise."

Maddux gets 18th Gold Glove; Victorino gets first

NEW YORK (AP)—Age is no issue for Greg Maddux when it comes to fielding his position. The 42-year-old pitcher won his record 18th Gold Glove on Wednesday while outfielder Shane Victorino of the World Series champion Philadelphia Phillies was among five first-time winners in the National League.

Slick shortstop Jimmy Rollins joined Victorino from the Phillies, winning for the second consecutive season. The New York Mets also had two winners: outfielder Carlos Beltran and third baseman David Wright, both of whom repeated.

"Winning a Gold Glove is a tremendous honor for me in what was already an amazing season," Victorino said. "I take a lot of pride in playing defense and to get the recognition of the managers and coaches around the league is a great compliment."

Other first-time honorees for defensive excellence were St. Louis catcher Yadier Molina, San Diego first baseman Adrian Gonzalez, Cincinnati second baseman Brandon Phillips and Pittsburgh outfielder Nate McLouth.

The Houston Astros, who committed 16 fewer errors than any other major league team, did not have a winner.

Rawlings has presented Gold Gloves annually since 1957. Managers and coaches vote on players in their own leagues before the regular season ends, but they may not select members of their own teams.

American League winners will be announced Thursday.

Pondering retirement after 355 wins, Maddux has been the NL recipient for pitchers every year since 1990 with the exception of 2003, when Mike Hampton interrupted the streak.

"I can't imagine winning two, much less 18," Wright said. "But I think it goes to show you how much pride he takes in winning."

Last year with the Padres, Maddux snapped a tie with third baseman Brooks Robinson and pitcher Jim Kaat for the most Gold Gloves.

Maddux spent most of this season in San Diego before an Aug. 19 trade to the Los Angeles Dodgers. He struggled in seven starts down the stretch for the NL West champions, going 2-4 with a 5.09 ERA to finish the year 8-13 with a 4.22 mark overall.

Raiders cut ties with Hall after 8 games

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP)—DeAngelo Hall's disappointing stint with the Oakland Raiders came to an early finish.

The Raiders waived Hall on Wednesday, less than eight months after they traded for the former Pro Bowl cornerback and gave him a $70 million contract.

The acquisition of Hall from Atlanta in March was a big part of Oakland's plans to rebuild its defense. But the move has backfired. The Raiders gave up a second-round pick to acquire Hall and also gave him a seven-year contract.

But Hall never played up to that level. He struggled with nagging injuries throughout training camp and was picked on constantly by rookie receiver Eddie Royal and quarterback Jay Cutler in a 41-14 season-opening loss to Denver.

With most teams choosing to avoid throwing at standout cornerback Nnamdi Asomugha on the other side of the field, Hall became a frequent target. In his last game, he was beaten for a 37-yard touchdown pass to Michael Jenkins on the opening drive of a 24-0 loss to his former Falcons team.

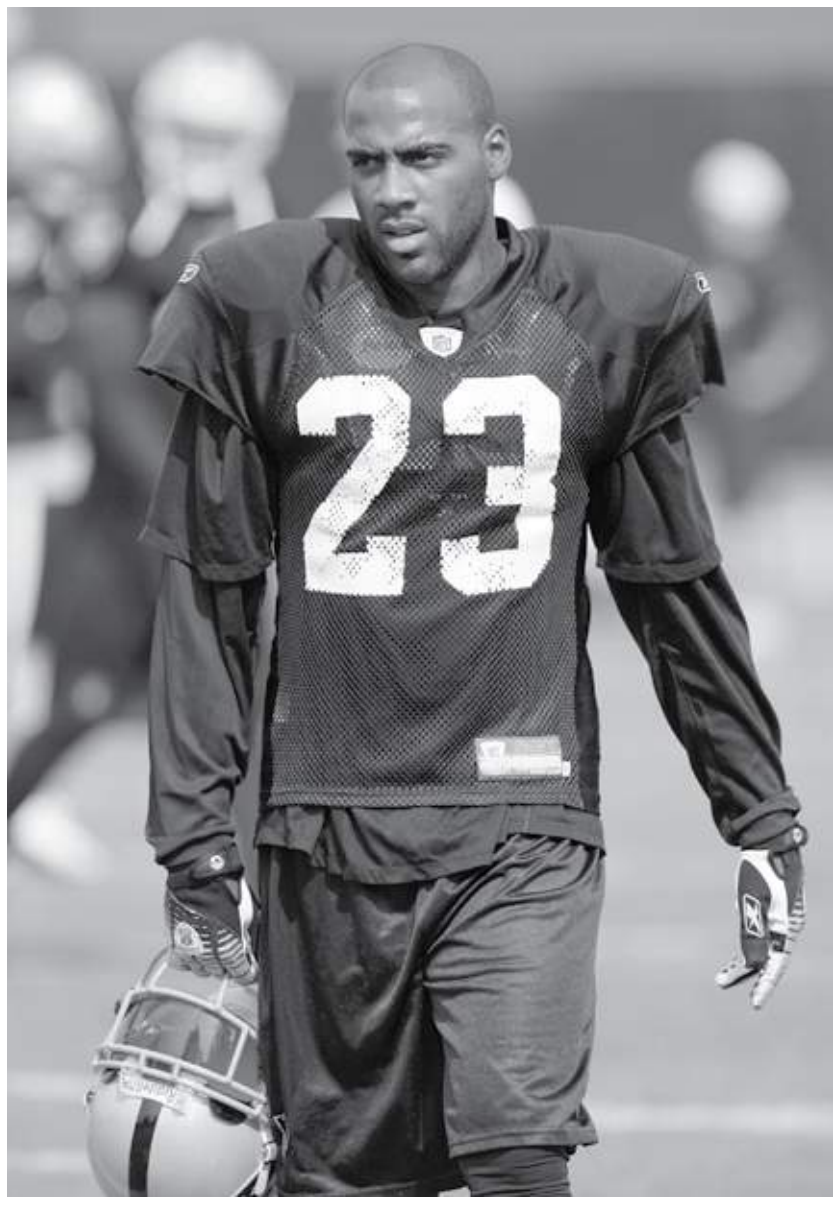
In his eight games in Oakland, Hall was beaten 40 times for 552 yards on 66 passes thrown his way, according to data compiled by STATS LLC. He gave up more yards than any defender this season and was tied for third worst in catches allowed.

Hall said earlier this season it took him time to get used to Oakland's man-to-man style of defense after being able to freelance frequently while playing zone with the Falcons. He had 17 interceptions in his four seasons in Atlanta, making the Pro Bowl in 2005 and '06. He had three interceptions this year, but frequently got beaten on big plays.

Hall got about $8 million of his contract for playing in eight games. But by releasing him now, the Raiders can use some of the money they planned to give Hall to try to keep Asomugha.

Oakland placed the franchise tag on Asomugha this year and would like to sign him to a long-term deal in the offseason.

In other moves, the Raiders placed safety Tyvon Branch (shoulder) and linebacker Robert Thomas (hamstring) on injured reserve with season-ending injuries. The Raiders signed defensive back Michael Waddell, who was released in training camp, and linebacker Marquis Cooper to contracts.



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In this July 25, 2008 file photo, Oakland Raiders cornerback DeAngelo Hall during workouts at their football training camp in Napa, Calif., Friday, July 25, 2008.

Cowboys QB Romo returns for bye-week practice

IRVING, Texas (AP)—Tony Romo was back under center at practice Wednesday, once again zipping passes to Terrell Owens.

Expect him to be doing so the next time the Dallas Cowboys play, too.

Romo's return from a broken pinkie on his throwing hand is coming along as expected. The clunky cast he wore the last three weeks has been replaced by a small splint covering only the pinkie. It's as much for support as protection, and he wasn't even wearing it between a walkthrough and a practice Wednesday afternoon.

"It's still not all the way healed, but it's getting there," Romo said. "I can definitely grip the ball much better."

Romo was hurt during a loss to Arizona on Oct. 12. He practiced a little that week and tried to play in the following game, but realized during warmups that his bulky bandage prevented him from properly controlling the ball and sat out ever since.

Dallas went 1-2 without Romo, scoring no more than 14 points with Brad Johnson and Brooks Bollinger running the offense. The Cowboys scored at least 24 all six games that Romo played.

Romo also has the NFL's third-best passer rating and averages the third-most yards passing per game. His 14 touchdown passes are sixth best, even after missing three games.

However, the Cowboys were only 1-2 in his last three starts. So the notion his return will cure all that ails them might not be accurate.

"I don't think it's a matter of him coming in and trying to be Superman and really saving this team," Owens said. "We have more than enough capable guys in the locker room to make plays for him"

Still, Romo's return is a source of optimism for a team that's gone from preseason Super Bowl favorites to last place in the NFC East. Even team owner Jerry Jones has said Dallas (5-4) needs to aim for just making the playoffs.

Rain or Shine wins on big finishing kick

MANILA, Philippines—The Rain or Shine youth brigade kept on making waves and the Elasto Painters continued to reap modest gains.

The Elasto Painters strung up together six triples in the fourth quarter and totaled a franchise-best 16 as the Asian Coating squad scored a come-from-behind 106-102 win over the Barangay Ginebra Kings in the KFC PBA Philippine Cup at the Araneta Coliseum Wednesday night.

Coach Caloy Garcia and his gang jacked up their record to 5-3, assuring the franchise of its best showing in a tournament. The ball club had never won more than four games in a any tourney since joining the league in 2006.

"Our rookies made it happen again. It's the character of our rookies. They're acting like grizzled veterans," said Garcia, specifically lauding Gabe Norwood, Tyrone Tang and Sol Mercado for their sterling efforts.

"Our rookies are building the team's character. Hopefully, we can carry it on as we next play Air21. I'm sure they will come out strong coming off a sorry loss (to San Miguel Beer also Wednesday night). They're also eager to get back at us," Garcia added.

Norwood and Tang fired 23 and 20 points respectively—both the best output for the two players so far in their young pro career. Mercado churned out 13 points, assists, two rebounds and one steal.

Rain or Shine 106—Norwood 23, Tang 20, Reyes 16, Mercado 13, Wainwright 12, Laure 8, Isip 6, Salangsang 3, Lopez 3, Ibanes 2, Arana 0.

Ginebra 102—Menk 24, Salvacion 21, Artadi 11, Helterbrand 11, Crisano 10, Wilson 7, Cabatu 6, Tubid 5, Escalona 4, Pacana 3, Holper 0, Mamaril 0.

Quarterscores: 34-23, 46-48, 68-76, 106-102. ***(www.pba.com.ph)***

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move the ball around too much, leaving the team little time or no time at all to set up its offense.

Rollers I struggled against the Junior Nationals defense as the former could not even score in double figures past the halfway mark of the first half.

Rollers I finally scored in double figures on a Wens Namelo jumper, but the Junior Nationals still were way head, 27-11, going into the last four minutes of the first half.

The Junior Nationals loosened up a bit on defense in the remaining minutes of the first half allowing Rollers I to pick up the scoring and cut the lead to 11 at halftime, 19-30.

The Junior Nationals played with only six players and despite putting up tough defense against the Rollers I, the former committed only five fouls.

At the start of the second half, Rollers I had difficulty finding its targets anew, while Rabauliman and Cruz started that period with a 10-0 run to break the game wide open, 40-19.

The Junior Nationals slowly increased the lead in the ensuing plays, making several layups and fastbreak baskets.

Brando Aurelio, who did not play in the first half, began to hit from beyond the arc in the second half, but even his three triples could not bail Rollers I out of a trouble.

The Junior Nationals continued to dominate Rollers I in the second half and had their biggest lead at 65-41, on a fastbreak play by Rabauliman, going into the last four minutes of the match.

Rabauliman top-scored for the Junior Nationals with 21 points, while Cruz finished with 20 markers. Moses and Joseph White also scored in double figures adding 16 and 11 markers, respectively.

Aurelio paced the Rollers I with 13 points. Don Teregeyo chipped in 12 points, but he had only four points in the second half and made those baskets when the game was already decided.

Manny Matagolai, who was later named scoring champion, was held to eight points. He was without a field goal in the first half making only three free throws and scored his two baskets in the closing minutes of the match when the Junior Nationals had already secured the win.

The Junior Nationals won last year's title over the Southern Sonics, 98-91.

Rollers I failed to reclaim its lost crown after ruling the 18-and-under tournament in 2006. The Rollers I lost to the Junior Nationals in the 2007 semifinals.

In the battle for third place, the San Antonio Sixers defeated the G-Stars, 65-54.

CNMI Junior Nationals 70—Rabauliman 21, Cruz 10, Moses 16, White 11, Williams 2.

Rollers I 52—Aurelio 13, Teregeyo 12, Matagolai 8, E. Camacho 5, Hambrose 4, Danas 4, Deleon Guerrero 3, Namelo 2, Ogarto 2, A. Camacho 1.

Scoring by halves: 30-19, 70-52.

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The second set was a tighter match with the Knights needing two extra points to eke out a 27-25 victory and force a deciding third set.

Again, Mt. Carmel had a chance to pull away leading at 20-16, but MBA worked its way back into the second set and even took the lead, 23-21.

Successive errors from MBA allowed Mt. Carmel to bounce back. The Knights moved a point away from claiming the second set when Richard Park's serve fell short and hit he net. MCS wrapped up the set, 27-25, when the Charlie Jo's kill went off the backline.

The thrilling third set was one for the books with neither team willing to give up with the finals berth on the line.

Noelle Calvo scored back-to-back aces for a 2-0 lead, but Gonzalo Samson answered with his own aces, putting MBA to 5-2 lead.

The next few plays saw several rallies with the usual loud crowd on a couple of occasions turning silent as it waited who was going to wink and drop the ball.

When there were no rallies, the crowd were treated to a show by the Knights and Storms frontliners squaring off at the net.

Manning the net for MBA were Park, Samson, and Jo, who scored several kills in their quarterfinals win over Saipan International School-Blue, but was not that efficient in the semis match as he was challenged by the Knights trio of Min Joo Jung, Peter Matagolai, and Jake Igitol.

The seesaw battle in the third set was tied last at 11-all until the Storms committed three errors and Igitol made the game-winning kill.

Jo's return went wide to the MCS' right baseline putting the Knights in the lead. Another MBA error with Jenny Sasamoto's return hitting the net moved MCS within two points of stealing the match.

Noelle Calvo served for the third time and the Storms failed to return the ball after three touches.

Then Igitol delivered the killer punch, which he had been doing all day long, frustrating the Stormz frontliners.

Calvo served again, Sasamoto returned it with the ball going to the MCS' right sideline, and Jung received and set up Igitol in the middle. Igitol leaped and went for a powerful kill, which landed inside the backline with Park and Jo on the last line of defense.

The ball dropped in the middle of Park and Jo, who were at lost whose going to hit the ball back. Unfortunately, none of them did, awarding the last finals ticket to the Knights.

The Knights will return to the finals after a four-year absence. Last season, MCS placed only third and in 2006, it won in the semifinals, but had its finals slot forfeited due to a violation of league rules.

The Eagles will be gunning for the fifth straight title today when they duel the Knights.

The title game will be played at 4:30pm at the Ada Gym, while the consolation match between SDA and MBA is set for 3:30pm.

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blan will see action in the one-day competition in honor of the club's departed members.

He said also committed to play tomorrow are Fil-Taga Golfers Association members led by Rey Ferraz and some five players from Commonwealth Women's Golf Association.

The Memorial Classic, which this year takes the place of RGA's traditional Turkey Shoot, is also expected to be graced by the relatives of deceased RGA members Plas Tagabuel, Sid K. Peter, and Tony Taitano.

Wabol also reminded participants that the competition will have a show time of 6:30am with tee time set an hour later at 7:30am.

He added that cash prizes and a bevy of in-kind gifts await winners of the Memorial Classic, which will have two categories—double peoria and low gross.

For instance, the low gross category will have two divisions—men's and women's—with first place taking home $300, second $200, and third $100.

Low net double peoria, meanwhile, will have a bigger bounty as first place nets $500, second $300, and third $200.

There will also be a hole-in-one prize in hole No. 16 with RGA putting up a $1,000 bounty. Closest to the pin competitions in holes No. 6, 8, and 12 will also be up for grabs.

Mulligans will also be up for sale at $5 each, but participants can only avail themselves a maximum of two retake shots for the tourney.

Participants can also win door prizes during the awards banquet immediately following the tournament at the Marianas Country Club grounds.

Wabol said like the Turkey Shoot of previous years, a portion of the proceeds from the Memorial Classic will be given to a school. The lucky school this year is Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School.

Entry fee for the tournament is $100 and those interested can make their checks out to Refaluwasch Golf Association.

For more information about RGA's 2008 Memorial Classic, contact Wabol at 233-3673, Ed Tenorio at 285-3305, Charlotte Camacho at 664-3400, Adam Hardwicke at 483-2326, George Cruz at 483-4655, and Martin Dalsaso at 286-6323.

The Memorial Classic is sponsored by a number of companies and individuals, namely Fiesta Resort & Spa, Pacific Islands Club, Aqua Resort Club, LaoLao Bay Golf Resort, Saipan Stevedore Co., All-Stars Sporting Goods, Hyatt Regency Saipan, I-Connect, Palms Resort Saipan, Kingfisher Golf Links, Nippon General Trading Co., YCO Corp., Coral Ocean Point, Coco Restaurant, Saipan Grand Hotel, Dial Rent to Own, Coca-Cola, MARPAC, Pacific Trading Co., Saipan Shipping Co., YUNA Golf Range, DFS Galleria, First Hawaiian Bank, Café at the Park Gold's Gym, Kautz Glass, Rep. Heinz Hofschneider, Rep. Edward T. Salas, Rep. Raymond Palacios, Reo. Ralph DLG Torres, Rep. Ray Tebuteb, Rep. Justo S. Quitugua, Rep, Joseph N. Camacho, Sen. Luis P. Crisostomo, Tropex Garden, Ben Jones and family, Kae Poong Co., Delta Management Corp. Radiocom, PL's Water Company, Marianas Health Services, Juan L. Babauta and family, Advance Terminators, Western Union, New Fresh Market, Rep. Rosemond B. Santos, Speaker Arnold Palacios, Rep. Frank Dela Cruz, Marianas Resort & Spa, Asiana Airlines, and Quick Printing.

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athlons they are already staging every year.

"One way to make the XTERRA brand name more powerful would be to add an XTERRA Trail Run which would be completely separate from the XTERRA, even at a different time of the year—probably September," he said.

Mojica said Saipan can accommodate the new event, adding that he already has an ideal trail in mind up in Marpi for the envisioned XTERRA Trail Run.

"There would be slots in this race for age division runners to compete in the World Championship Trail run in Oahu in December. The race would be 13.1 miles and would probably be in Marpi. A friend of mine already mapped out a course. That would be two XTERRA events per year. Some of the organizers in Europe have as many as 11 events per year. But they have a much larger population base, bigger land mass, and easier access via planes, trains, and automobiles than we have here on Saipan," he said.

Spain's Ruben Ruzafa (2:37:36) and England's Julie Dibens (3:03:57) topped the 2008 XTERRA World Championships.

Saipan had three triathletes who took part in the event. Eli Torgeson finished 167th out of 482 finishers with a time of 3:36:03, while the husband-and-wife tandem of Mieko and Kevin Carey crossed the finish line in 3:53:38 and 4:17:06, respectively.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	4	1	.800	–
Toronto	3	1	.750	1/2
New York	2	2	.500	1 1/2
Philadelphia	2	3	.400	2
New Jersey	1	2	.333	2

Southeast Division

Atlanta	3	0	1.000	–
Miami	2	2	.500	1 1/2
Orlando	2	2	.500	1 1/2
Charlotte	1	3	.250	2 1/2
Washington	0	3	.000	3

Central Division

Detroit	4	0	1.000	–
Cleveland	3	2	.600	1 1/2
Milwaukee	3	2	.600	1 1/2
Chicago	2	3	.400	2 1/2
Indiana	1	2	.333	2 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

Houston	3	1	.750	–
New Orleans	3	1	.750	–
Dallas	2	2	.500	1
Memphis	2	3	.400	1 1/2
San Antonio	1	3	.250	2

Northwest Division

Utah	4	0	1.000	–
Denver	1	3	.250	3
Minnesota	1	3	.250	3
Oklahoma City	1	3	.250	3
Portland	1	3	.250	3

Pacific Division

L.A. Lakers	4	0	1.000	–
Phoenix	4	1	.800	1/2
Golden State	2	3	.400	2 1/2
Sacramento	1	4	.200	3 1/2
L.A. Clippers	0	5	.000	4 1/2

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LOCAL SCORES

MISO Standings

SSHS	2	0
MHS	2	0
KHS	1	2
MCS	0	3

Budweiser Softball Standings

Men's Division

Freedom Air	2	0
Legislature	2	0
Joeten Motors	2	0
DCCA	1	0
DLNR	1	0
P & S	1	0
CPA	1	0
Saipan Cell	1	1
Beach Boys	1	0
Law & Order	1	0
CUC	1	1
No Zone	1	1
Mayors	0	1
POI	0	1
Hopwood	0	1
CHC	0	1
PIC	0	2
PSS	0	2
Customs	0	2
DEQ/CRM	0	2

Women's Division

NMC	1	0
Finance	1	0
DCCA	1	1
CUC	0	1
CHC	0	1

Ayuyus gain first win in MISO caging

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Kagman High School survived Mt. Carmel School's rally to pull off a 58-55 win in the 2008-2009 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Basketball League Wednesday night at the MHS Gymnasium.

The victory put the Ayuyus in the win column after dropping their first two assignments. The Knights absorbed their third loss in as many games.

Kagman led by as much as 13 points in the third period, 44-31, but almost collapsed in the last two minutes of the match, as Mt. Carmel threatened to steal the win.

Matthew Igitol, Min Seung Kim, and Joseph Yoon joined forces in bringing the Knights back into the game.

The Ayuyus led by seven, 54-47, going into the last two minutes of the match, but back-to-back triples from Yoon kept the Knights' hope alive.

Yoon drilled his first triple from the right key, moving Mt. Carmel within four, 50-54, with 1:52 left on the clock.

Kagman was called for a traveling violation in the ensuing play returning the ball to the Knights, who drew another triple from Yoon from the left key to cut the lead to one, 53-54, with 1:40 left in the game.

But back-to-back layups from Jester Kaipat and a defensive stop from Anthony Salas ended the Knights' chances to steal the game.

Kaipat drove to the left baseline and made a basket to stop the bleeding for Kagman, widening the Ayuyus' lead, 56-53, with 1: 15 left on the clock.

Kagman regained possession when Kim stepped on the baseline on an inbound play. But the Ayuyus lost the ball when Kim stole Dominic Reyes' pass to Salas.

Mt. Carmel had a couple of misses in its offensive play and once Kagman controlled the rebound, Kaipat took charge anew, and drove to the middle for another layup, giving the Ayuyus a 58-53 led, with 48.3 seconds left in the game.

But the Knights refused to give up, as Kim drilled an undergoal stab, cutting the lead to three, 55-58, with 38 seconds remaining on the clock.

Kaipat was on the forefront of the Ayuyus attack in the ensuing play, but was blocked by Geza Baka. Kagman kept the possession with 19 seconds left in the game and less than nine seconds on its 24-second shot clock.

Kagman coach Francis San Nicolas called for a timeout before the inbound play, but the Ayuyus failed to execute a play, as they were called for a 24-second shot clock violation, returning the ball to Mt. Carmel with 10. 2 seconds left in the game.

The Knights were out of timeouts and needed a triple to send the game in overtime. But they made too many passes, as Kagman defenders did a good job guarding Mt. Carmel's shooters.

After four touches and with the time wining down, Kevin Bautista finally got the possession and found a little room to pull up for a triple at the top of the key, but his shot was partially blocked by Salas.

There was a scramble for the loose ball and neither team had control of the possession as time expired.

KHS 58—Reyes 10, Maratita 9, Kaipat 8, Tulalemotu 8, Ogo 6, Faisao 5, Muna 4, Santos 4, Mettao 2, Salas 2.

MCS 55—Kim 18, Yoon 17, G. Baka 5, Igitol 4, B. Baka 3.

Scoring by quarters: 7-8, 23-21, 44-31, 58-55.

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Kagman High School's Jester Kaipat (30), uses Dominic Reyes' (6) pick to elude his defender during their game against Mt. Carmel in the MISO caging Wednesday night at Marianas High School Gymnasium.

Three tied for govt/biz softball league lead

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Three teams shared the lead in the 2008-2009 Inter-Government/Business Softball League after Wednesday night's games at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.

Legislature played in the first game in the men's division and posted its second win in as many games after whipping Pacific Islands Club, 17-5.

Joining Legislature on top of the leaderboard in the 20-team field with identical 2-0 records are Joeten Motors Jets and Freedom Air.

The Jets zoomed to a 10-5 victory in the second game over the Public School System, while Freedom Air slipped past SaipanCell/DFS, 17-9, in the last match of the night.

Legislature used an eigh-run top of the third to pull away and keep its unbeaten record.

Leftfielder Mitch Aaron led Legislature's breakaway in the third inning when he made a two-run single, while first baseman Dave Apatang and rightfielder Paul Lizama had one RBI apiece, and also reached home plate.

Second baseman Thunder Sokau had a three-run homer at the bottom of the third, but PIC still trailed, 4-10, after three complete innings.

Legislature hung on to the lead, allowing only Kevin Carey to score in the remaining three innings.

After an eight-run top of the third, Legislature added four more runs in the fourth with second baseman Dennis Ngeskebei, connecting on a two-run triple.

Ngeskebei was 4-for-4 at-bat and scored two runs. Centerfielder Manny Villagomez was 3-for-4 and made four runs.

Legislature went 19-for-37 at the plate for a decent batting average of .513. PIC had a dismal .259 average, going 7-for-27.

In the second game, the Jets had a good start, nailing five runs at the bottom of the first, and Pete Sablan made a three-run homer in the fifth to hold off the rallying PSS.

The game ended after only six and a half innings, as PSS scored only two runs at the top of the seventh.

The Jets were ahead, 10-5, after six complete innings and PSS must score at least five runs to extend the game. PSS' first two batters were beaten to first, while shortstop Dustin Quitano advanced on a Jets error and later reached home plate on a John Terlaje single. Terlaje also scored on an Emery Fitial single. But that was the last time PSS made it to the scoreboard, as the game ended after second baseman Jeff Isaac was beaten to first.

Ben Taisacan went 3-for-3 for the Jets, making two triples and scoring two runs.

In the third game, Freedom Air leaned on an 11-run bottom of the fourth to cruise past SaipanCell/DFS.

Freedom Air's first eight batters scored at the bottom of the fourth and four had a chance to be at-bat twice. The list include centerfielder Joe Lizama who advanced to first on a SaipanCell error driving Roy Celis home and the former later made a two-run single on his second trip at-bat in the same inning.

Before Freedom Air's breakout game at the bottom of the fourth, SaipanCell had the lead after three innings.

A four-run top of the first anchored by Dave Kapileo's two-run single gave SaipanCell a 4-2 lead. Neither team scored in the second inning.

Theofilus Minor scored on a Luis Ngiraikeu single at the top of the third and SaipanCell kept the driver's seat, 5-2, after three complete innings, as Freedom Air failed to score anew at the bottom of the third.

Traders Insurance sponsors NMBF Team Tournament

Traders Insurance Company will once again sponsor this year's badminton competition now dubbed the Traders Insurance Badminton Team Tournament.

Traders Insurance, one of the leading providers in the CNMI of non-life insurance and surety products, has extended its assistance to the Northern Marianas Badminton Federation to hold its second annual badminton team tournament this month.

The competition is expected to draw over 100 members.

Company president Lito Mendoza said he was thrilled to extend his company's assistance to the fastest growing sports group in the CNMI.

He said that his company also aims to promote the sport in the Marianas. "We are glad to lend a hand to the group that has shown tremendous increase of active members especially among the CNMI youth," he said.

Mendoza said the badminton group has shown great potential as it has recruited members of different nationalities. NMBF currently has members that lists Korea, China, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, USA, the Philippines, and the CNMI as their home countries.

"Our company fully supports the group that promotes healthy and fun activities. I believe the group has improved so much that now they have qualified coaches to teach each team members during the tournament," said Mendoza.

"We are looking forward to the tournament to promote friendship among members and produce cream of the crop players for future international tournaments," he added.

The Traders Insurance Badminton Team Tournament is open only to members with badminton skills grade from A to C. It will consist of at least eight teams with at least eight members each. The teams will have corresponding sponsors, which will be determined based on availability of sponsorships.

The tournament is officially scheduled to run from Nov. 22 to Dec. 14 during Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays within the scheduled dates. The team tournament will include adult and youth divisions on men's and women's singles, men's and women's doubles, and mixed doubles.

Registration is now ongoing and application forms are available at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium from Mondays through Thursdays in the morning and on Saturdays and Sundays during the regular badminton practice games.

Registration fee is $30 for each adult participant. Youth members, aged 14 to 18, will pay a registration fee of only $20 while youth members aged 10 to 13 will only register for $15 each. The fee includes game fees and banquet fees for the awarding ceremony in December.

NMBF is still looking and asking for the generosity of avid sponsors to help the group out with its other requirements for this event.

For more information on the upcoming tournament, contact membership committee head Hapi Gabriel at 287-4274.

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2nd leg of All Schools cross country series tomorrow

Northern Marianas Athletic will be hosting the second leg of the 2008 Schools Cross Country Series tomorrow at the Airport Field.

NMA official Elias Rangamar said registration will start at 3pm, while races will begin at 4pm.

There will be races in five divisions, namely the 7-and-under, 9-and-under, 11-and-under, 14-and-under, and 18-and-under age groups.

Runners in the 7-and-under, 9-and-under, and 11-and-under divisions will take the shorter 1,500m course, while participants in the 14-and-under and 18-and-under will run the 5,000m course.

This weekend's races will be the last warm-up for the All Schools championship set, which is set for Nov. 15, also at the Airport Field.

In the championship, NMA will be giving away medals to the Top 3 finishers in individual races and trophies to the top three schools.

A school will qualify in the team awards if it fields at least five runners in the races. Points will be awarded to each runner to determine the rankings of schools. The first finisher will get a point, two for second, three for third, four for fourth, five for fifth, and so on. The school with the lowest points wins the division. In case of a tie, the school with a sixth finisher wins the tiebreak.

The MHS Dolphins are the defending champion in the 18-and-under division, while Tinian Elementary School ruled the 11-and-under and 9-and-under age groups in last year's championships

Participants in the 7-and-under, 9-and-under, and 11-and-under age group will race first and will be followed by runners in the 14-and-under and 18-and-under divisions.

For more information on the cross country series, contact Rangamar at 664-2502. ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***

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Parker's 55 points leads Spurs in double OT win over Wolves

Tony Parker scored a career-high 55 points, including a 20-footer at the buzzer to force a second overtime. 32

Junior Nationals complete back-to-back

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The CNMI Junior Nationals successfully defended their title in the 2008 Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League after outclassing Rollers I, 70-52, in last night's championship match at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Junior Nationals controlled the game early with Jericho Cruz and Marvin Rabauliman leading the team's offense.

Cruz had 11 first-half points, while Rabauliman scored eight straight markers at one point in the first half.

The Junior Nationals had their biggest lead in the first half at the 25-9 tally, with less than eight minutes left in the first half.

The Junior Nationals' defense held Rollers I to only three field goals in the first 12 minutes of the match. Coach Rufino Aguon's wards put on a scrambling defense against Rollers I, going after players dribbling the ball and making sure they don't have a good look at the basket.

Often times, Rollers I was forced to

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The CNMI Junior Nationals pose with their championship trophy during the awards ceremony for the Rotary caging. The Junior Nationals walloped Rollers I in the finals, 70-52 last night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. Joining the back-to-back champions are Rotary Club of Saipan officials and league organizers.

Eagles to defend championship vs Knights

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Grace Christian Academy and Mt. Carmel School took separate routes to the finals of the varsity division of the 2008-2009 Coalition of Private Schools Volleyball League after pulling off contrasting wins in the semifinals yesterday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Eagles landed to the championship match via an easy 25-16, 25-12 victory over the Seventh Day Adventist with the semis match ending in less than an hour.

The defending champion Eagles and SDA spent the rest of the day watching the neck-and-neck battle between the MCS Knights and Marianas Baptists Academy for the second finals ticket.

The MBA Stormz recovered from a 19-21 deficit to escape with a 25-23 triumph in the opening set.

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Mt. Carmel frontliners put up a good defense on the net blocking MBA spikers during their semis match in the 2008-2009 Coalition of Private Schools Volleyball League yesterday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Top golfers to tee off in Memorial Classic

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The who's who of the island's golf scene will tee off in tomorrow's Inaugural Refaluwasch Golf Association Memorial Classic at the Marianas Country Club.

Tournament director Jess Wabol said top par-busters like himself, RGA president Adam Hardwicke, Joung Hoon Park, Bae Yong Man, Edward Manibusan, Rick Kautz, father-and-son duo of Joji and Tim Taguchi, and Nick Sa-

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Taga Inc. hopes to take cue from XTERRA World

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Last of a three-part series

Bill Sakovich and Wolf Mojica witnessed first hand how a world-class event like the XTERRA World Championships was run last Oct. 26 in Makena, Maui.

The two Taga Inc. officials are in charge of organizing the Tagaman Triathlon and XTERRA Saipan Championships.

Sakovich, a NMASA Hall of Famer and former Saipan resident who now makes the 50th state his home, said he was impressed how Team Unlimited organized the 2008 XTERRA World Championships.

"XTERRA World is the best. It's just a super competition and it virtually had no accidents outside of punctured tires. The competition was very keen in both men and women. Too bad our favorite Jamie Whitmore was not able to race as she is battling cancer, but she was there," he said in an email to the *Saipan Tribune*.

Sakovich noted that during conversation with members of Team Unlimited and other professional triathletes, XTERRA Saipan kept coming up.

"It was good to meet with Team Unlimited as they truly support the Saipan races—XTERRA Saipan and Tagaman—and still speak of the former as the 'Jewel of the XTERRA Tour.' I think we have their support. Both Wolf and I also passed out postcards advertising our events, many already knew about it, and past participants would love to return. They all admit it was one of their favorite and most beautiful events, and we need to capitalize on that."

All in all, Sakovich said he was elated to take part in the XTERRA World Championships, albeit not as a participant but as an international organizer.

"I can always learn something on running events, and this time was no exception. I think it was really worthwhile that Wolf was able to be there as he has better insight into putting on such a world class event. I think he himself will acknowledge that."

For his part, Mojica said Taga Inc. should consider holding an XTERRA Trail Run on top of the two local tri-

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Taga Inc.'s Bill Sakovich poses with Saipan's Eli Torgeson at the finish line of the XTERRA World Championships last Oct. 26 in Makena, Hawaii.